thankful for ſuch a Bleſſing after more than Seven Years War; and ſhall not we when we enjoy ſo wonderful a Mercy without the leaſt Commotion or Diſturbance? Our Pious King, as holy *David* did on his Subjects, calls upon us now to joyn with him in Songs of Praiſe and Thankſgiving to God. And I would to God, His Majeſty had as much Reaſon to be thankful as We his Subjects have: That he was as happy in a willing and obedient People, as we are in a Wiſe, a Couragious, a Juſt, a Gracious, a Righteous and Pious King. But whatever Reaſon His Majeſty may have, I am ſure we have Reaſon enough to be thankful to Him, and to the Goodneſs of God for vouchſafing of Him to us. For We have a Deliverance from ſuch Evils as He Himſelf was in no Danger of, to be thankful for, over and above what he has. A Deliverance from a *French* King, a *French* Government, and a *French* Religion; all which muſt inevitably have been our Lot, had not Providence in Mercy ſaved us from it, by making us happy in His Majeſty's mild and gracious Government.

But you muſt give me leave to ſurvey our Happineſs ſomewhat more particularly.

1*ſt.* Then, we are, by the Good Providence of God, happy in eſcaping all the Miſeries of the moſt Arbitrary Government; which would have been exerciſed over us by a Perſon who is himſelf very much provoked and enraged againſt the greateſt Part of theſe Nations; and who would have had no Counſellors, no Miniſters, no Officers, no Servants, but what are, if poſſible, more enraged againſt us than himſelf. By whoſe Advice, and agreeable Inſtigation, as well as by his own Inclination and Principles of Religion (as they call it) we we ſhould have been brought forth as Spectacles; and, to have diverted their Cruelty, ſhould have been put under Saws, and under Harrows, and under Axes of Iron; we ſhou'd have been made to paſs thorough the