Brick-Kiln and the Fire. For ſuch is the Nature of that Government, and ſuch certainly are the Principles, becauſe ſuch always has been, and in many Places is now, the Practice of that Church, which the Pretender to our Crown has been bred up in; and in all whoſe Tenets he is, no doubt of it, thoroughly inſtructed. From all which cruel Sufferings, as well as from the fatal Errors of which very corrupt and idolatrous Church, we are by many miraculous Providences now at laſt, I truſt in God, fully delivered. Since therefore God has been pleaſed to make us glad through ſuch a Deliverance as this, let us rejoice in giving Praiſe for this Operation of his Hands.

But we ſhall find yet greater Reaſon to do ſo, if we conſider not only the Miſeries we have eſcaped, but alſo the Happineſs we do enjoy. It is a Comfort to be free either from Pain or Torment, or the diſmal Apprehenſion of them: It is indeed the Horror of our Nature, to live either in the Senſe or Expectation of them. But to be at Peace and Quietneſs, to live in Eaſe and Plenty, in the free Enjoyment of the Fruits of our own Labour; of the Fruit and Shelter of our own Vine, and our own Fig-tree; in the free Exerciſe of a pure Religion, and the open Profeſſion of the true Faith in Chriſt; to have no unlawful Reſtraint laid upon our Perſon; no unjuſt Invaſion of our Property; no Force offer'd to our Judgment, nor the leaſt Violences to our Conſciences, are the greateſt Bleſſings on this Side Heaven: It is the greateſt Happineſs God deſigned us in this World, and is indeed as great as our Natures are at preſent capable of enjoying. And all this Happineſs, inſtead of all that Miſery, we do at preſent enjoy; and may, humanly ſpeaking, tranſmit the ſame ſecurely to our lateſt Poſterity, if it is not our own Fault.

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