Theſe are the Bleſſings which we are required by our Gracious King to return GOD Thanks for this Day; And I hope you all now ſee what great Reaſon we have to do ſo. To confirm you in which Opinion, give me leave ſolemnly to affirm, that I have ſaid nothing but what I think is ſtrictly true of the Royal Family now ſet over us; Nay, that I have not ſaid half that which in Juſtice ought to be ſaid of Them, and their Princely Virtues; neither indeed can I ſay it: It being far above my Capacity, even barely to relate their Goodneſs and Worth, and our own great Happineſs under them. Only thus much I thought it my Duty to GOD, to the King, the Prince, and the Princeſs; to you, and my Country, to ſay of them upon this Occaſion. It is not for me either to Flatter them, or Deceive you, at any Time, much leſs at this Time, and from this Place, where though Unworthily, I have the Honour to ſtand. For though the Goſpel commands us, not, and the Laws of our Country have made it criminal, to ſpeak Evil of our Rulers; yet we are no where required to ſpeak well of an Evil Ruler; I mean ſo as to commend him in thoſe Things, wherein we know he does not deſerve it. Nay, we are forbid, in all Caſes, to call Evil Good; to put Darkneſs for Light, and Bitter for Sweet. Let no Man therefore fancy, that I have ſaid any Thing, or in any wiſe exceeded in the imperfect Account I have given, for any worldly Advantage or Expectation: For alas! I am as far beneath the Royal Notice, as what I now ſay is out of their hearing. And therefore do again aſſure you, that I have ſaid this only to diſcharge a good Conſcience upon this Occaſion, to GOD, to the King, and to You, my Brethren: That you being thus ſenſible of your own Happineſs, may now and always be truly thankful to GOD and the King for it. To GOD, as the great Contriver and Author of it; and to the King, as to the Miniſter of GOD to us for Good.

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