long been, peaceably ſettled under the protection of Civil Government.

But thus far we might, and it was our Duty to have proceeded, tho' we had liv'd under none of the beſt forms of Government, and altho' that Government had not been plac'd in the hands of one of the beſt of Princes; it being confeſs'd on all hands, that to live even under an arbitrary and unjuſt Government is far better than to live under none at all, or under the Calamities of inteſtine Wars: But it ought very much to raiſe and heighten our Gratitude to God, that his preſent Majeſty's ſafe Acceſſion to the Throne of theſe Realms hath ſecured to us that happy Conſtitution, to which we were not merely inclin'd by the prejudices of Education or Cuſtom, which have often reconcil'd Men to Slavery and Chains, and made them even in love with Papal Inquiſitions; but which, if it had been left to our choice, the beſt inform'd Reaſon would have determin'd us to live under, rather than any other we have heard of in the World: That happy Conſtitution, which, as on the one hand, it gives

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