with we were encompaſſed, I come now to conſider, 2*dly*, For what Reaſons our Preſervation and Eſcape muſt be acknowledged to be the marvellous Work of God, and owing to the Goodneſs of his Providence.

It is indeed a Suppoſition not at all unreaſonable, that God, who made the World, exerciſes a general Government over it; for he may be concluded to do ſo from his Intent in creating Men, the Knowledge he has of their Affairs, his Power over them, and his Concern for them. But in the Inſtances before us there are more than common Evidences that our Preſervation is to be aſcribed wholly to a watchful and kind Providence, by reaſon of the Concealment and Secrecy of the former Conſpiracy, and the Force and Power of the latter.

The Gunpowder-Treaſon Plot was formed and carried on with the utmoſt Precaution, and ſo warily, as to be diſcerned by none but that Being to whom all Hearts be open, all Deſires known, and from whom no Secrets are hid. It was the Power of God that work'd in thoſe Conſpirators Hearts an unſeaſonable Fit of Compaſſion, which brought to Light that dark Deſign and hidden Myſtery of Iniquity.

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