of all our Concern and Vigilance, instead of being acknowledged, as it ought, with an Increase of Piety to God, and Fidelity to his Vicegerent, has been undermined by the foulest Treachery, and assaulted by the basest Revilings, the most impudent and undeserved Calumnies; has in so few Years already experienced the open Rebellion and repeated Conspiracies of its Enemies, and what is more to be regretted, the Disunion and Alienation of its Friends.

The wisest of our Patriots long ago foresaw, what the weakest amongst us may have been since taught by Experience, that a Popish Sovereign is never to be trusted with the Government of this Church and Nation. As well may the Sheep commit themselves to the Protection of the Wolf, or the Fowls of the Air make choice of the Hawk or Kite for their Defender. Is it not sufficient that the Experiment has been twice unfortunately tried, and as many times convinced us of our Folly? Have not our Fathers recorded in Letters of Blood the Insincerity of Popish Promises, and how plentiful a Share of Fire and Faggots was allotted to those who advanced their Persecutor to the Throne, on an Assurance given of *making no Alteration in Religion?*

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