Succeſſion, from whence it is natural to draw theſe two or three Inferences.

I. *Firſt*, That whatever Noiſe the Papiſts may now make of Royal Birth-right, and how fond ſoever of advancing a Pretender to it; yet the End in it is the Good of their Church, and Duty to the See of *Rome*; not their Regard to any ſuch abſolute *Right* in it ſelf, nor for the Sake of any one *Perſon* only; but for their common Policy and Gain. For when that Right was the cleareſt in the World, in the Perſon of King *James* I. yet his Popiſh Mother would have ſuffer'd a defeaſance of it, and all the Prieſts and Jeſuits, (*m*) and Pope himſelf combin'd againſt it, as they had done before in the Hereditary Monarchy of *France*, where the undoubted Title of King *Henry* IV. was denied and oppoſed with the utmoſt Fury of Rebellion, and before he could reign in Peace, he was forc'd to be abſolved from Hereſie, tho' afterwards murder'd for Suſpicion of it.

II. We might *Secondly*, infer, That when once People have been diſaffected to a Proteſtant Succeſſion, and have laboured to obſtruct it,

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England, if he would turn Catholick, otherwiſe it muſt be ſome other Perſon. *Lettres de Card. D'Oſſat. Fol.* 1624. *p.* 663.

Father *Watſon*, in his *Quodlibets*, imprinted 1602, confeſſes, That the Jeſuit *Parſons* made this Oſtentation, That they would all follow and proſecute the King of *Scot*'s Title, if he would become Catholick; but if not, they would all die one after another againſt him, *p.* 150.

(*m*) Card. *D'Oſſat*, in a Letter to the *French* King from *Rome*, 25*th* of *June*, 1601. told him, That the great Deſign in Hand, was about the Succeſſion to the Crown of *England*; that the *Spaniard* had a mind to it, but the Pope was rather for Cardinal *Farneſe*; that an *Engliſh* Gentleman, *Arthur Pool*, a Domeſtick of that Cardinal, was now going to *England*, under Colour of ſeeing his Mother, and in his Company another *Engliſh* Man, Doctor in Divinity, and Canon of *Vicenza*, in the Territories of *Venice*;—The true Buſineſs was, that *Pool* being related to the Blood Royal, might well enough pretend to the Succeſſion of that Crown, and to be married to the Lady *Arabella*, *&c.* But it was his (the Cardinal *D'Oſſat*'s) Opinion, that *Pool* was rather to carry on the Intrigue for his Maſter Cardinal *Farneſe*, than for himſelf. *Lettres de Oſſat. Fol.* 1624. *p.* 568.

In *Nov.* the ſame Year, 1601, the Cardinal inform'd the *French* King, That the King of *Spain* gave Penſions to the *Engliſh* Catholicks to retain them in his Pay and Service, to facilitate his Deſigns upon the Crown of *England*; that it was to the ſame Purpoſe the *Spaniards* had Erected the *Engliſh* Colleges and Seminaries at *Doway* and St. *Omers* to receive young Gentlemen of the beſt Families in *England*, and by that means to oblige their Parents and Friends to the *Spaniſh* Intereſt. And that the principal Care taken in the ſaid Colleges, was to Catechiſe, Inſtruct, and Breed up the ſaid young Gentlemen of *England* in this Belief and firm Faith, that the King of *Spain* had the true Right of Succeſſion to the Crown of *England*, and that the Maintenance of this Right was uſeful and expedient for the Catholick Religion, *&c.*

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