II. I would, *Secondly*, proceed to remark some Things in the Progress of this hellish Conspiracy; how it was carried on.

Had it succeeded, we should have found the very Bottom of it marked out by the Agents themselves, with a Pillar or Monument of Fame upon it. But the timely Discovery put the Party upon their Reserves, and no doubt a thousand Circumstances died with the Malefactors. But yet the Confession of some, and the intercepted Writing of others, open'd the main Plot beyond the Possibility of denial or doubt of it.

They who after their Defeat in it, were a little asham'd of it, would have put this Colour upon it. (*q*) It was the private Design of some few Malecontents, some three or four desperate Men. True, in every Plot the Projector may be one Head, and the Management must be in a few Hands; but 'tis certain *this Plot* was the Party Cause, the Wishes, the Hopes, the general Expectation of all the *English* Catholicks, nay, of all the Church of *Rome*. It was spread in many Popish Families throughout the Country; (*r*) it was got into *Wales*, (*s*) it pass'd over to *Flanders*, (*t*) it was communicated in *Spain*, it could be no great Secret in *Italy*; it was well known at *Rome*, both *Faux* and *Baynham* had been there. And it is very (*u*) probable that *Hen.* IV.

(*q*) Some of the Papists who could not deny the Truth of the Fact, nor the *Justice* done on the Malefactors are pleas'd to call it, *An Attempt of a few unfortunate Gentlemen.* See *Answer in behalf of the Royalists, to the Apology in behalf of the Papists*, 1667. 4to. p. 32. *&c.*

(*r*) A great part of the Plot was laid and concerted in a Meeting of the Papists at St. *Winifred's Well.* Letter of A. Bp. *Abbot*, to K. *Charles* I. in Mr. *Wharton's* Hist. of A. Bp. *Laud*, *Fol. p.* 519.

(*s*) *Doway* had a President that was pliable to all their Designs, Dr. *Worthington*, &c. *Hist. of* Eng. *Coll. at* Doway, 1713. 8*vo. p.* 22.

(*t*) *Tho. Winter* had been sent into *Spain*, with *Desmond* the Jesuit, to consult with Father *Creswell*, Legier Jesuit there, *&c. Fowlis Rom. Treasons*, *p.* 512. and after them *Christopher Wright.*

(*u*) *Hen.* IV. of *France*, in a Letter to Card. *D' Ossat* at *Rome*, dated 24 *Dec.* 1601. after long Arguing against the Attempts of the Pope and K. of *Spain* to hinder the real Succession in *England*; concludes with an intimation of some wicked Plot formed by the Pope himself. I think we ought to avoid all Occasions of doing THAT which the Pope DISCOVERED to you concerning the said Succession of *England*, since the Reasons aboveaid will by no means permit me to engage in the DESIGN which his Holiness has Projected.

In the Memoirs of the Duke of *Sulley*, there is mention made of several Intimations given to King *James* from the Court of *France*, of the ill Designs and Intrigues of the Jesuitical Party against him, and even of a *Sudden Blow.* See Notes on the Life of King *James* I. in *General Hist. of* England. *Vol.* II. *p.* 674.

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