a queſtion of Ignorance, but Malice; of Perſons Uninform'd, but full of Envy. 'Twas like that of his Countrymen of *Nazareth*, *Non hic eſt fabri filius?* *Is not this the Carpenters ſon?* They ſaw his words full of Grace, and his works of Wonder, that all his Performances were truly Divine; but becauſe *Joſeph* was his reputed Father, and *Mary* his Mother, becauſe his Breeding and Parentage were not equal to the Glories manifeſted in him, they would not honour him as a Prophet; but choſe rather not to know him, than to believe in him; and to be offended at him, than to confeſſe him. After the like manner the Prieſts and Phariſees here, becauſe our Lord came not ſuch a Perſon, and after ſuch a Faſhion, as they had fooliſhly fancied, their Meſſiah would come, a mighty Prince, inviron'd with Armies, powerful to promote them to Honour and Riches; but a poor Prophet calling them to the like Poverty and Humility with his own; to Righteouſneſs, not to Greatneſs; to take up the Croſs, and not the Enſigns of Magiſtracy, they would not acknowledge him; but deny'd the Original, becauſe it reſembled not a falſe Copy; rejected the Eternal Son of God, becauſe he was not like the Baſtard Childe of their Carnal Brains. And, *Who is this?* ſignifies not,

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