who is this that we have never heard of, or ſeen? Or, who is this that uſurps ſuch honours which the Scriptures allow to no man, no not to the *Meſſiah*? But, who is this that we abhor? who is this our Averſion? who is this that defrauds our Expectations? that grows daily greater, and makes out his Pretences in ſpight of our Oppoſition?

That Chriſt was to be the Son of *David*, to deſcend of the Seed and Linage (*progenies*) of the ancient Kings of *Judah*, that God out of the old Stock or Root of Jeſſe which now through length of time ſeem'd decay'd, and doted, ſeare, and dead, would *cauſe to grow up a branch of Righteouſneſs to execute Judgment and Juſtice in the Land*, was a truth aſſerted from all antiquitie; And not only *Eſay* and *Jeremy*, who in expreſſe terms ſpeak it, but as Saint *Peter* ſays, all the Prophets bare witneſſe to it. And the later Doctors in our Saviours daies univerſally allow'd the Tradition, as is ſeen by the anſwer of the Phariſees to the queſtion our Lord aſked them concerning himſelf: *What ſay you of Chriſt? whoſe Son is he? And they ſaid, the Son of David.* But then that Chriſt was *this Son of David*, this *Branch* ſo long foretold and expected, though his Extraction and Genealogy, his words and works, his life and death, did