affirms it to *Pilate*, when he asks him concerning it: Affirms it I say, though in a Ceremonious way of affirmation usual among the *Jewes*, *Art thou the King of the Jewes? Thou saist it, says he.* Which was as much as if he had answered, I am indeed that which thou sayst. Only he makes here the Question it self go for the Answer, and the Demander asking the truth, in honour to him, he makes the affirming of it, as it were also, to proceed from his mouth. As in the case of a negative Answer, the more Civill among us, choose rather to returne an Excuse for their dissenting, than a flat No, or Denial to the thing that was inquir'd.

I say it was very strange, that Christ should thus voluntarily assume that Dignity, which he had so obstinately refused: but it was much stranger yet, that he should assume it at the season he did, at the Eve to his Passion, when he began to see σαυρὸν ἐπὶ θύραις, the Crosse standing at the door in expectance of him! *Is this a time,* says the Prophet to his servant *Gehazi, to take money, and to buy Vineyards?* when the Lords anger was upon the land, and the enemy daily expected. So was this a time to lay claime to a Kingdom, when a mans Hour of Death approacht? To put on the Royall Ensignes,

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