through the Cities of *Judea*, he had not clear'd his Title to the Kingdom by Signs and Wonders, fulfill'd the Prophecies that were of him, and the other intermediate Works injoyn'd him by the Father: and he would not abruptly ſeize the Soveraignty, till all was prepar'd for it; uſurpe it, till he had made out his Pretence: rule over a people, that knew him not to be their Prince; and exact their obedience, before they underſtood his Authority. But when he had prov'd himſelf the Son of God, then he firſt declar'd he was the Heir and Succeſſor of *David*; and well he might be allow'd to be the King of *Iſrael*, when he had ſhew'd himſelf to be the Lord of Heaven and Earth, and all the Kingdoms of the World.

And this is Gods Method in ruling the World, he does not require from men, before he has given to them; he exacts not their Faith, till he has firſt enlighten'd them; demands not their Obedience, till he has taught them his Laws, and given them his Grace: But after theſe things if they pay him not humble and ready ſubmiſſion, if his Subjects refuſe yet to acknowledge his Dominion; he will cauſe the Rebels, as 'tis *Luke* 19. 27. *To be brought forth to Judgment, and thoſe that would not that he*

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