to act againſt himſelf, and the intereſt of his own kingdom, which, how wicked and malicious ſoever he is, policy would not permit him to do. This our Lord confirms by a Maxim which is undeniably true. For ſaith the Evangeliſt, *Jeſus knew their thoughts, and ſaid unto them, Every kingdom divided againſt it ſelf is brought to deſolation; and every city or houſe divided againſt it ſelf ſhall not ſtand.*

I ſhall wholely wave the occaſion of the words, and conſider them only as they are in themſelves, they containing, as I have obſerv'd, a general Maxim, which holds true both in reaſon and in experience; in treating of which I propoſe the following Method.

To enquire wherein the union of a Society, a Kingdom, a City, or an Houſe, doth conſiſt. I.

What diviſions they are, that are deſtructive of this union. II.

Whence thoſe diviſions are wont to ariſe. III.

To apply this doctrine to our ſelves, with reſpect to the occaſion of this days ſolemnity. IV.

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