with open Face abroad, and new ones daily invented; and this by Persons of all Ranks, all Conditions, and Qualities among us; so that to use the Prophets *Hyperboles*, with Reference to Vice and Immorality, it may now be too truly said, *the whole Head is sick, and the whole Heart is faint; we are all gone aside, we are altogether become filthy and abominable; there is none among us that doeth Good, no not one; there is no Truth, nor Mercy, nor Knowledge, or Fear of God in the Land.* But Men seem to vie with each other in Hypocrisy and Couzenage, in Cruelty and Impiety, who shall be the greatest Sinner. Now the Case being so, *the Foundations* of Virtue *being put out of Course*, and the Sinews of Religion, both natural and reveal'd, being thus broke, or weaken'd, what shall we do in the End thereof, or what do we think will be the Issue of it? *Has not the Lord a just Controversy with the Inhabitants of this Land? Will he not visit for these Things, and shall not his Soul be avenged on such a Nation as this?* A Nation, which God has bless'd as much as any under Heaven; and which again, when Kindness could not lead, he has sometimes, by Judgments, driven to Repentance; by Famine, War, and Plague, the Smart and sad Effects whereof, now seem to be forgotten by us: But God in

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