Purpoſe, give me now Leave to ſpeak, as the Prophet did to *Jeruſalem: Be thou inſtructed*, O Great Britain, *leſt my Soul depart from thee; leſt I make thee deſolate, a Land not inhabited.* [Jer. vi. 8.] Therefore may our Repentance, and the Succeſs of it, anſwer to that of the *Ninevites*, who, upon the Preaching of *Jonah, believed God, and proclaimed a Faſt, and put on Sack-Cloth, from the greateſt of them even to the leaſt of them. And when God ſaw their Works, and that they turned from their evil Way*, God *then repented of the Evil, which he ſaid he would do unto them, and he did it not.* [Jon. iii. 5, 10.]

Here, my Brethren, *you have ſeen the End of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender Mercy.* And accordingly, in like Manner, as we our ſelves have not yet ſuffered, as ſome other People have, the Lord now ſeems to *wait, that he may be gracious to us, and have Mercy on us*; [Jam. v. 11. Iſa. xxx. 18.] and, therefore, that *his Goodneſs and Forbearance may lead us to Repentance.* For if ſo, then ſhall we experimentally find, that *though great Plagues remain for the ungodly, yet whoſo put their Truſt in the Lord, and turn to him with all their Heart, Mercy embraceth them on every Side.* So that *when Men are caſt down, then ſhall it be ſaid, there is lifting up, and*

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