but the ſtrong Imaginations and Pride of ſome Men, will never be an Argument againſt the Truth of their *Dependency* or the Reality of their Inſufficiency. To examine then into the Powers or Strength of the Body of Man, is only to tell you, he is very much limited as to the extent of his own force. For if he pretends to exert his Powers beyond ſuch a Degree, that is, beyond their natural force, he is immediately check'd by ſome prohibiting Pains, which cloſely follow his weak and preſumptuous Endeavours. And if we enquire whether we may call that force his own which he dayly uſes, and ſearch from whence it is derived, we ſhall obſerve, he holds it on a very precarious Title: Since he is not certain that he ſhall be able to perform what he purpoſes or intends to do to morrow or next Day; nay he is not aſſured that the next minute ſhall be his own; his Strength, his Beauty, his Riches, his Honour may all be taken from him in an Inſtant; he may in a moment be reduced to his Primitive Nothing. He is Maſter of nothing but Corruption, Weakneſs, Inſufficiency and Imperfections. He is a Being ſo very dependent on the Author of his Nature, ſo very dependent that he cannot even ſubſiſt without his Influence. He cannot add one moment to the time of his Life or Continuance in this World, unleſs Providence *wills* it ſhould be ſo; ſo that the Preſervation of every *Creature* (for which we give *God* Almighty Thanks in our Liturgy) in reſpect of Providence, is but a continued Creation; becauſe the ſame *Will* that firſt created the *World* and *Man*, is the