the Jews by the violence of the ſame Chaldæans, ſays, *O Lord, thou haſt ordained them for Judgment, and, O mighty God, thou haſt eſtabliſhed them for Correction*, Habbak. 1. 12. Yet this *terrible* and *dreadful* Monarch, for the barbarities uſed by him both towards his own Subjects and towards Strangers, proved the moſt eminent Inſtance of God's temporal Diſpleaſure and coercive Power, that Hiſtory has tranſmitted down to us. His *Transformation* ſhewed, that never Prince was humbled like this Monarch. The Golden Image erected in Honour to him by the flattery of his Court and refuſed to be worſhipped by the Jewiſh Captives ought to be an inſtructive Leſſon to modern Princes, not to look upon theſe baſe Homages and proſtituted ſenſe as Arguments of their Immortality. The Jews often groaned under the ſevereſt Afflictions, and often bowed down their Neck to Sorrow and Anguiſh, but becauſe they imagined theſe evils to have been the effects of natural Cauſes, like modern Atheiſts, they were willing to lull themſelves into a Belief, that *Providence* was not neceſſary to be introduced in thoſe matters, where *Nature* was ſufficient to operate. As the Jews were illuſtrious Examples of God's Indignation, ſo were they ſingular Inſtances of his Favour, and the undeſerving Subjects of his particular Protection; and in what manner ſoever they might have imputed their Puniſhments to the effects of *Nature*, tho' we cannot but admire the Wiſdom, the wonderfull working and the Majeſtick Footſteps of God's Providence in the Combination

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