ner, as to make ſuch Obſervations upon it, and draw ſuch Leſſons from it, as may be of moſt ſervice to our ſelves, in order to prevent and avoid thoſe Things which *happened unto* our Forefathers, *for Enſamples* to Us their Poſterity: juſt as the Unhappineſſes and Wickedneſſes of the *Jews* in former Ages, are here in the Text ſet before the Eyes of their Followers by St. *Paul*.

To open unneceſſarily any old Wounds that are now cloſed up, and make them bleed afreſh; To widen any that are now open, and to inflame them ſtill more and more: Theſe Things are as far from my Inclination and Temper, as They are contrary to All that I know of Religion. I had much rather pour Oyl into Any That remain, and apply nothing but ſoft and healing Medicines: Nay, if it were