For, First, *His Legitimacy* was *never* under *Queſtion*, whereas *Our Jeconiah* lyes under the *Original Blot* of, at leaſt, a *Diſputed Parentage*. *Their Jeconiah* Succeeded his *Father* in the *Kingdom*, and had Receiv'd their *Oaths* of *Allegiance*; Ours, never *Reign'd in his Father's ſtead*, but was *Abjur'd* from his *Infancy*; and therefore cannot *Mount the Throne*, but at the *Ominous Expence* of *National Perjury*. *Their Zedekiah* was *Impoſed* upon Them by a *Lawleſs Tyrant* and *Conqueror*; *Ours* (O may He *never do that which is Evil in the Sight of the Lord*, which was their *Zedekiah's* Character) was *Invited* by *Our ſelves*, and *Importun'd* to *Reign over us*. We Adopted *Him* for the *Father of our Country*, not in *Regard* to *Him*, but to *Ourſelves*; to Prevent even the *Proſpect* of Thoſe *National Calamities*, which ſome of *His Inviters* (O wicked Wantonneſs!) are now *in Arms* to bring about. Let it not be a *Mark of Infamy* upon the *Engliſh Name*, that we Can be So *Ungrateful* to Our *Common Guardian*, as to make the Crown *Uneaſie* to *Him*, becauſe *He* hath *Accepted it*. *Their Zedekiah* Preſided over a *Ruin'd Church*; and, in All Likelyhood, was too *Great a Friend* to the *Superſtitions* of the *Conqueror*; *Ours* was *therefore Call'd over*, to become the *Head* of our *Church* (if *Levity* makes us not Forget that *Long Aſſerted*, and Juſt *Title* of *Our Kings*) that it might *keep* its *Ground* againſt the *Temporal Strengths*, for it had *Baffled* all the *Spiritual Armaments* of *Foreign Superſtitions*. And how can the *Romans* ever *come*, and *take away Our Place and Nation*, unleſs we join with Them, to Overthrow That *Liberty wherein we ſtand*: How can we loſe Our Church, *at Once*, in all the *Points* that are *worth Contending* for, unleſs we our Selves make Way for *Strange Worſhip*, by Coveting *Jeconiah* in *Zedekiah's* Stead?

2 Kings 24. 6.

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