

Seriouſly to conſider the reaſon of your coming hither, Was it not to rectifie a Prince that took falſe ſteps, which occaſion'd the People to fear, that Church and State was in danger to be deſtroy'd by Popery? But this was a great Defect, for God could have delivered his People from the power of a Popiſh King, as well as a Popiſh Queen, but they had not faith to truſt him, but would have a God of their own making, under whoſe Wings they could truſt both Church and State: And your Maſteſty has been very ſincere hitherto, tho' ſome would have perſuaded me to the contrary, and ſaid, it was impoſſible, becauſe of your Education, which I thought was no Argument, and therefore I would not believe it; your Maſteſty gave ſuch great aſſurance of your Fidelity both to Church and State by your Declaration when you firſt came to the Crown; wherein your Maſteſty was graciously pleas'd to declare, That the Church of *England* was the only ſupport of the Proteſtant Religion? which is a great Truth, and it was a great ſatisfaction for me to hear: For I did aſſure my ſelf, that a Prince that had that belief, could not eaſily miſcarry: And I hope, your Maſteſty will never alter this Belief; for God in his infinite mercy diſpers'd the Clouds of Darkneſs, and brought his Church from under the Popiſh Yoke; and God did eſtabliſh her, and hedg'd her about with Laws, that her Adverſaries might not hurt her: But King *James* went to break down her Hedges, that the wild Boars of the Foreſt might come and deſtroy her; but had he been ſincere, he need not have gone to *France*; but his declining from the Eſtabliſh'd Worſhip, has brought this Deſtruction upon the Kingdom; for how happy might he have been and the Kingdom too, if he had not been miſled; but he truſted in his Standing Army, and the Roman Catholicks being on his ſide, and the Diſſenters being ſo numerous, and they Addreſſing him with their Lives and Fortunes, altho' the Church ſtood in oppoſition, he thought Liberty of Conſcience would weaken her; and ſo he contriv'd his own Ruin, which I would have prevented, altho' I told him he was undone when he firſt went to Maſs, and ſaid, that he ſhould never do what he deſign'd: yet I was not free that any evil ſhould come upon him; I was in hopes your Maſteſty would have drawn him off from Popery by your kind uſage; but when I ſaw that was not done, I did wiſh that the good Spirit might incline your Heart to ſend me like a Dove with an Olive branch in my Mouth to have ſeen whether he would have laid hold on the Lines of Life: but Death has put an end to all; but I have been very ſorry to think he ſhould die in Popery, to loſe ſuch a Prince that might have been ſo beneficial both to Church and State if he had not been corrupted. I wiſh we had never had neither Popiſh Kings nor Queens; for the marrying Roman-Catholick Queens has bred great Confuſion; the Lord grant that Popery may have a total overthrow, and that it may never have any dominion here; nor I cou'd wiſh, in the whole Chriſtian World; for it is Antichriſtian Worſhip. O that it may pleaſe God, that all may be true Worſhippers, through the Merits of a Crucify'd Saviour. And how happy wou'd it be if all the Differences of *Spain*, *France*, and *Holland*, cou'd be made up without War; for I don't love ſhedding of Blood, but Peace is lovely; O that we may obtain it both at home and abroad, that Church and State may be in Peace; for it is a ſad thing when they can't truſt one another for want of ſincerity: O that we were ſincere to God and his Truth, and then we ſhould be ſo to one another; and that wou'd awe our Adverſaries that ſeek our Ruin; for I count Roman-Catholicks and Diſſenters are all of one Opinion to overthrow the Eſtabliſh'd Church; but they ſhan't proſper that goes about it, for I hope God's Hand will be againſt them: and it is not for the good of Mankind that they ſhould come into Government, for it is as deſtructive to Church and State, as a Popiſh King in a Proteſtant Kingdom.

I am ſorry that your Maſteſty did diſſolve your Parliament, becauſe it is a loſs to the Nation, and no gain to your Maſteſty. I humbly beſeech you to be ſincere to God, and to his Eſtabliſh'd Worſhip, which is the Church of *England*; and it is She that is the Protector of Crowned Heads. And don't encourage the Ding-dong, for that has deſtroyed the beſt of Kings, and turned Three Kingdoms upſide down. Do not put confidence in Addreſſes, nor deſire a Standing Army, nor to begin a War with *France*; but if he begins with us, I do not doubt but God will fight our Battle: For I have faſted Fourteen days and nights, that he ſhould not diſturb the Peace of my Sovereign Lord King *Charles*, for he cannot lay claim to *England*; but it is our Right to lay claim to *France*, and he ought to pay his acknowledgments; and as for his Charity to King *James* he may be rewarded in another World, but he muſt not expect to have it in this; and for his growing in Greatneſs I don't fear, if we do but the thing that is Juſt and Right, and be ſincere to God. It grieves the People that your Maſteſty does go every Year to *Holland*. 'Tis in your Maſteſties Power to divert Judgments, by not ſuffering Gaming in your Court and Kingdom on *Sundays*, and that no Plays ſhould be Acted on a *Saturday*; and what a ſhame it is for Ladies and Gentlewomen for to come from all parts to Ride in *Hide-Park* on *Sunday*; and while they are Riding in the *Rounds*, their Servants are at the other end a Gaming, Curſing and Swearing. Has not God given them Six days that they may take their Pleaſure, Why then can't they reſt on the Seventh? And is their any thing more provoking, and has he not promiſed great Rewards to them that keeps it; and your Maſteſty has ſpoke to your Parliament from time to time to rectifie Immoralities, and how ſoon may your Maſteſty rectifie this, by Commanding the Gates to be lock'd up, and what a Mercy 'twould be to this Nation for your Maſteſty to be Inſtrumental to turn away God's Anger: How glorious would you be to God and good Men, and in ſo doing you may be happy. *The Lord grant that your Maſteſty may ſeriouſly conſider all theſe things without anger.*

The Lord guide and direct your Maſteſty, that you may be eternally happy: So I reſt your Maſteſty's
 Subject, Servant, and Souls Well-wiſher;

ELINOR JAMES.