

O My Dear God, who can I make my Applications unto, but to Thy Divine Majesty, who knowest the secrets of my Heart, and the desires of my Soul is not hid from Thee; and Thou knowest that I am wholly innocent of all those evil things which *Oates*, or any other wicked Men lay to my charge. O that it may please Thee to send the Spirit of Truth into Mens Hearts that they may believe Truth; for Thou art Immortal, Invisible, and Eternal, who hath done great things for me; and I hope will yet do greater, for Thy own Glory, tho' the Devil will endeavour to hinder it; but not any thing can hinder thy Intentions; for by Thee all things live, move, and have their beings; and there's not any Person can comprehend Thee any farther than Thy Divine Majesty will reveal himself to them: And Thou didst make all things good, and bound them by Laws, both to pay their Submissions to Thy Divine Majesty, and to make themselves happy: But Man by breaking these Laws became sinful, and consequently miserable; and the Angels presuming to act contrary to the Divine Knowledge which God had given them, became Devils; and God's Justice in flinging them out of their heavenly Habitations, made them haters of God; and in this presumptuous state they are full of Malice and Envy against all his Proceedings, and they mortally hate all Mankind that would be obedient to Him, and use all their endeavours to make Men as Rebellious as themselves: But the Wisdom of God sent his Son to conquer these Enemies of Mankind, and He has conquered them: And we may be more than Conquerors thro' Him, if we be sincere to God and our own Souls. God bears me record, That it's the desire of my Soul that all Mankind should be obedient to his Will: And as for my self, I would neither speak, act, nor think any thing that I knew was contrary to his Will; and as for my meddling in Publick Matters, I had a Call for it; but I never declared it to any King, though I have known Three. But can any mortal think, I could do these things of my self; No, no, I can assure you, I am assisted by a Power above my self; for I could not in my own strength have Fasted fourteen Days and Nights without the taste or relish of any thing in this World; and God that knows all things, knows that it's Truth. And I have fasted so many Days at several times, that I cannot number them; and there was no other motive but the love of God, the love of the King, and the good of the Kingdom, that moved me to it; for I sought no Reward, nor did I receive any Gifts; but all my Intentions was to divert God's Judgments, and to entreat Mankind to do those things that may be pleasing in his sight; which the Lord grant they may obtain. But the Devil is my Enemy, and would darken my Glory; but I hope through Christ, I shall be more than a Conqueror, which the Lord grant, I wish it were seriously considered what great evil Scandal does, especially when it lights upon Magistrates, and asperges them with Popery when they are innocent; for by that Notion, the *Jews* destroyed Christ, pretending, that he would bring in the *Romans*. Therefore seeing Lying does so much mischief, it ought to be severely punished.

Is there any reason I should be scandalized and abused for my innocent Intentions and good Endeavours, by *Oates*, that Uncircumcised Philistine; whose Actions are as black as Hell, One whom Justice has, for the Blackness of his Crimes excluded from the common Benefit of Mankind, for his Oath might not be taken in any Court of Justice. And was it a Crime in me to take him by the Sleeve and ask him a Question; when I have taken Kings, and Princes, and Governours by the Hand? Sure he showed himself more like a Devil than a Doctor in endeavouring to beat out my Brains with his Cane; which he had done, had he not been prevented: Therefore, I think, there's not any Man who has any sense of God and Goodness can be of his side; For what is worse than a Lying Tongue? *St. James* says, *it is set on fire of Hell*. And Christ compares False Teachers to devouring Wolves, and *Dr. Oates* is known to be such, and why shou'd he wear the Church Livery? I hope all good Men will be against it. And as I am perfectly innocent of all his Accusations, so I desire I may obtain Justice; for all hope now to see Justice appear in her perfect Beauty, and that Lying will not be encouraged, nor Perjury rewarded.

And that the God of Justice, may bless them that Administer true Justice, is the Prayer of your humble Servant and Souls well-wisher.

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