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PRINCES being not subject to superiors temporal, nor patient of correction or controlment by their inferiors, may easily fall to grevious disorders, which must tend to the danger and ruin of whole countries.

In respect whereof great spirit, power, courage, and freedom of speech have been from the beginning granted by God, as well ordinary to priests, as extraordinary to some prophets and religious . persons in all ages and times, both of the New and Old Testament.

So by God's great providence (who by His prophet warned kings to take discipline, and to serve Him in fear, lest in His ire He should suffer them to fall to iniquity) the first kings of his peculiar people had lightly some prophets or priests in manner as overseers, that might from time to time charge them boldly, and as it were by office, with their enormities, and namely with their fall from faith and the God of their fathers, to denounce His threatenings, yea and execute the same upon them, at sometimes if need so required. Which ministers of their Lord God all godly princes did hear, honour and obey; as contrariwise the kings that

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were wicked and disloyal to God have ever sought cruelly their death and destruction, that so their wickedness might pass without controlment.

Saul, the first temporal king that ever the Jews (being then God's peculiar people) had, though chosen and inspired by God, was for all that led and directed by Samuel so long as he was in order. But afterwards for aspiring to spiritual function, and other disobedience, was by God's appointment and sentence (pronounced by the said Samuel) deposed of his kingdom, and another named David anointed by him. Which Saul now after his deprivation, or after, as it were, his excommunication by Samuel, was invaded by an evil spirit that provoked him to kill not only David, that was now made the rightful owner of his crown, but also to seek for Samuel's death; yea, and to command all the holy priests of Nobe (four score and five in number, as Holy Scripture recounteth) to be slain and murdered in most pitiful wise, as traitors to him, and favourers of David the competitor of his And so it was done at last; though at kingdom. the beginning his guard refused to execute so vile and horrible an act: and in this sort he remained enemy many years against God and Samuel, and kept the kingdom by tyrranical force notwithstanding his deposition.

David, nevertheless, in whom was the right of the crown, was lawfully up in arms, with one of the principal priests whose name was Abiathar, that escaped the foresaid murder; not of such power as the pretenced king was; till at length the usurper