

TO THE MOST HIGH AND MIGHTIE

Prince, IAMES by the grace of God

King of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

THE TRANSLATORS OF THE BIBLE, wish Grace, Mercie, and Peace, through I Es vs
CHRIST our LORD.



Reat and manifold were the bleffings (most dread Soueraigne) which Almighty Goo, the Father of all Mercies, bestowed vpon vs the people of ENGLAND, when first he sent your Maiesties Royall person to rule and raigne ouer vs. For whereas it was the expectation of many, who wished not well vnto our SION, that vpon the setting of that bright Occidentall Starre. Queene

thicke and palpable cloudes of darkenesse would so have overshadowed this land, that men should have bene in doubt which way they were to walke, and that it should hardly be knowen, who was to direct the vnsetled State: the appearance of your Maistie, as of the Sunne in his strength, instantly dispelled those supposed and surmised mists, and gave vnto all that were well affected, exceeding cause of comfort; especially when we beheld the government established in your High Nesse, and your hopefull Seed, by an vndoubted Title, and this also accompanied with Peace and tranquillitie, at home and abroad.

But amongst all our Ioyes, there was no one that more filled our hearts, then the blessed continuance of the Preaching of GoDs sacred word amongst vs, which is that inestimable treasure, which excelleth all the riches of the earth, because the fruit thereof extendeth it selfe, not onely to the time spent in this transitory world, but directeth and disposeth men unto that Eternall happinesse which is aboue in Heauen.

Then, not to suffer this to fall to the ground, but rather to take it vp, and to continue it in that state, wherein the samous predecessour of your HIGH-NESSE did leaue it; Nay, to goe forward with the considence and reso

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