

on the propositions of *Samuel* all the people went to *Galgala*, and made *Saul* King in presence of God, 11th Chap. 15th v.

And also *David* tho' anointed by the same Prophet at God's exprefs command, yet he neither possessed nor pretended to any regal authority till the Men of *Juda* came and anointed him to reign over *Juda*, 2d Book of *King's*, Chap. 2. v. 4. this he acknowledged, saying to the Men of *Jabes Galaad*, v. 7. "Tho' your Master *Saul* be dead yet the house of *Juda* has anointed me King over themselves." Nor did *David* assume any authority over the other tribes 'till after the death of *Isboseth*, the Elders came to him in *Hebron*, made a contract with him, and anointed him King over *Israel*, Book 2. Chap. 5th. The writer remarks that he reigned seven years and six months over *Juda* in *Hebron*, and thirty three years over *Juda* and *Israel* in *Jerusalem*; as if he had said in the most exprefs terms that he was King by the appointment of the People, and from the time of that appointment, not before.

This right of the People to appoint their King is formally declared by *Moses*, Deut. 17th Chap. and 14th v.—"When you go into the land which the Lord your God will give you, and possess it, and dwell in it, and you will say, I will place a King over me as other Nations all round me have, you will appoint him, whom the Lord will choose
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