

It rather appears to me, to answer the special Design and Intention of the Royal Proclamation, that we *give Honour to whom Honour is due* † ; I mean, that while we cherish a grateful Remembrance of those who, under God, have been the chief Instruments of our Successes, we should not in the Excess of our Joy, and our gratitude to them, forget or neglect to acknowledge the over-ruling Providence of God, as the primary Cause of our Success, to adore him as the Giver and Dispenser of Victory, and as the absolute and uncontrouled Disposer of the Fates of Nations and Kingdoms.

The Penman of this Divine Composition is not certainly known ; however, the Beginning of it is a pious Recognition of the Divine Providence in subduing the Canaanites, and giving their Land to Israel for an Inheritance : And least this People, who were wont to think very highly of themselves and of their Ancestors, should mistake the Cause of their surprizing Successes to be their own Merit, or Power, or Valour ; he gives them to understand, that they were not primarily owing to the Conduct and Courage of their renowned

† Rom. xiii. 7.