

## P R E F A C E.

foreſaw the Protection of Seven Provinces would not be Work enough for ſo capacious a Soul: Hero's, through each degree, collect and gather their Anceſtors Perfections, to which they add their own, therefore *This Prince* is to be ally'd to the Engliſh Crown, that this Tie might engage him to extend his Care to theſe Iſlands, which by the *ſapine Negligence* and *ſuperſtitious Bigottry* of *Governors* had been put into equal, if not more eminent Danger, than the reſt of the Neighbouring World. Impotence was *their* Excuse, we had Power, but the Force and Edge of it was turn'd upon our Selves. A Neighbouring Flood, that with miſerable great Deſolation had over-run part of *Europe*, was with additional Force too near approaching to us: What Precaution did we uſe to prevent it? Our Workmen were digging down the Banks that ſhould oppoſe and keep it out, and ſeem'd to invite the Ruin. Here this *Great Prince* interpoſes; he opens the Eyes of moſt, and holds the Hands of thoſe unfortunate Men that ſtill continu'd blind or engag'd, and kindly hinder'd 'em from doing Things, that tended to the Deſtruction of both Themſelves and their Country. Then in 1688. the mighty Scene opens, in 1689. the War begins. Power or Heaven for ſome time ſeem'd to favour the *Mighty Monarch*, doubtleſs it was to try the Oppoſer's Conſtancy and let them know, That no Diſaſters or  
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