

made it : But from the *Fall*, He rules it also in the special Form of a MEDIATOR : And upon the Exaltation of his *human Nature* to Heaven, it is advanced to a wondrous Participation with his DIVINE PERSON, in his supreme Dignity, transcendent Glory and universal Empire. See *John i. Eph. i. Col. i. Heb. i. &c.*

And thus have we shewn in what *Manner* may the sovereign GOD be said to *operate usually* among his Creatures.

We now come more briefly to consider,

II. When have his *providential Operations* such lively Characters of their being his *Doings*, as they are evidently so to unprejudic'd and careful Observers.

Even the common Operations in the *meerly material* World, the more we search them, the more they appear to be the Doings of GOD. But there is such a natural Atheism, Blindness and Prejudice in us, as we are averse to see it, and prone to ascribe them to *Nature only*, or any Thing else than his ever acting Influence. A terrible Storm of Thunder and Lightning, or a more fearful Earthquake, or some extraordinary Danger or other, seems needful to bring us to see his Operations in *Nature*.

And so it is likewise in his *mixt Operations of Providence*. When there is only a Circle of common Occurrences, we are apt to imagine there is only a Course of Nature, blended with the common Powers, Arts, Contrivances and Actions of Men ; and the Doings of GOD appear not in them. We have therefore need of some extraordinary Work of GOD in Providence, to awaken our Minds, and more evidently shew his Doings. And this he graciously condescends to give us in the *following Cases*.

I. When in *Affairs of vast Importance*, there is a wonderful continued *Train* and timely *Coincidence* of innumerable *Varieties of Means*, both in the *material* and *moral* World together, without our Power, and beyond our Prospect, all conspiring to some *great Event*, exceeding *happy* in its present Influence and future Tendency.

For tho' in such extraordinary Works of GOD as these, the *several Parts* consider'd *singly*, are his *usual Operations*, and don't affect with Wonder, or strike our Minds with so clear and strong an Evidence of their being his Doings : Yet to see them all so perfectly adjusted, as to make up *One, great, wise, curious and consistent Scheme*, to accomplish an *Event of vast Importance* ; — This yields sufficient Evidence