

sign of his repentance, and true sorrow for his sins, to say with me this little short act of contrition. *O my Lord God, with my whole heart and soul I detest all the sins of my life past, for the love of thee, whom I love above all things; and I firmly purpose by thy holy grace never to offend thee more. Amen, sweet Jesus, amen. Into thy hands, sweet Jesus, I commend my soul. Mercy sweet Jesus, mercy.* This he pronounced with a clear and humble voice; which done, and his sacramental penance admitted, I gave him absolution. After some time thus spent, I asked his majesty, if he did not also desire to have the other sacraments of the church administered to him? He replied; *by all means. I desire to be partaker of all the helps and succours necessary and expedient for a Catholic Christian in my condition.* I added: and doth not your majesty also desire to receive the precious body, and blood of our Redeemer Jesus Christ in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist? His answer was: If I am worthy, pray fail not to let me have it. I then told him, it would be brought to him very speedily; and desired his majesty that in the interim he would give me leave to proceed to the sacrament of extreme-unction. He replied, with all my heart. I then anointed him: which as soon as performed, I then was called to the door, whither the blessed sacrament was now brought, and delivered to me. Then returning to the king, I entreated his majesty, that he would prepare, and dispose himself to receive. At which, the king raising up himself, said: let me meet my heavenly Lord in a better posture than in my bed. But I humbly begged his majesty to repose himself; God Almighty, who saw his heart, would accept of his good intention. The

king then, having recited the fore-mentioned acts of contrition with me, received the most holy sacrament for his viaticum, with all the symptoms of devotion imaginable. The communion being ended, I read the usual prayers, termed the recommendation of the soul, appointed by the church for Catholics in his condition. After which the king desired the act of contrition, O my Lord God, &c. to be repeated. This done, for his last spiritual encouragement, I said, "your majesty hath now received the comfort and benefit of all the sacraments, that a good Christian (ready to depart out of this world) can have, or desire. Now it rests only, that you think upon the passion and death of our dear Saviour Jesus Christ; of which I present unto you this figure (shewing him a crucifix.) Lift up therefore the eyes of your soul, and represent to yourself your sweet Saviour here crucified, bowing down his head to kiss you; his arms stretched out to embrace you; his body and limbs all bloody, and pale with death to redeem you: and, as you see him dead, and fixed upon the cross for your redemption, so have his remembrance fixed, and fresh in your heart: beseech him with all humility, that his most precious blood may not be shed in vain for you: and that it may please him by the merits of his bitter passion and death to pardon and forgive you all your offences; and finally, to receive your soul into his blessed hands: and when it shall please him, to take it out of this transitory world, to grant you a joyful resurrection, and an eternal crown of glory in the next: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Amen. So recommending his majesty, on my knees, with all the transport of devotion I was able, to the divine mer-