

It being now no more in his hand to be reveng'd on his opposers, he seeks to satiate his fansie with the imagination of some revenge upon them from above;

and like one who in a drowth observes the Skie, he sits and watches when any thing will dropp, that might solace him with the likeness of a punishment from Heavn upon us: which he strait expounds how he pleases. No evil can befall the Parlament or Citty, but he positively interprets it a judgement upon them for his sake; as if the very manuscript of Gods judgements had bin deliverd to his custody and exposition.

But his reading declares it well to be a fals copy which he uses;

dispensing oft'n to his own bad deeds and successes the testimony of Divine favour, and to the good deeds and successes of other men, Divine wrath and vengeance.

And I cannot for my life but look upon them as satiating their fancies, with the imagination of this day of vengeance. *Methinks I see them* (to use the words of a famous Writer against our Church and State in another case) *like a man, who in the drought observes the Skie, sitting and watching, when any thing will drop that may follow them with the likeness of a punishment from heaven upon us; which they streight explain as they please.* No evil can befall us, but presently they positively interpret it, a judgement upon us for their sakes: and as if the very *Manuscript of Gods Judgements* had been delivered to their Custody and Exposition, they make the people believe that *the Witnesses are smiting the earth with plagues, and finishing their testimony against us.* But thanks be to God, their Reading declares it abundantly to be a false Copy which they use. *For* (to speak in his words again) *they often dispense to their own bad deeds and successes the testimony of Divine favour; and to the good deeds and successes of other men, Divine wrath and vengeance.* And besides, they have abused the people so oft with their false Predictions from these and other Prophecies, that I hope the world will see, *these are false Witnesses* (if I may use the words of *David* to a different sense) *that are risen up against us, breathing forth cruelty: who*