

dreaded three things: a blazing Star appearing in the Air: a State Comet, I mean a favourite rising in a Kingdom; a new Opinion spreading in Religion: these are Exorbitances: which is a formidable word; a *vacuum* and an exorbitancy, are mundicidious evils. Concerning Novelties of Opinions; I shall express my thoughts in these brief passages. First, that Truth is the best boone God ever gave the World: there is nothing in the World, World, any further than Truth makes it so, it is better than any creat' *Ens* or *Bonum*, which are but Truths twins. Secondly, the least Truth of Gods Kingdom, doth in its place, uphold the whole Kingdom of his Truths; Take away the least *vericulum* out of the World, and it unworlds all, potentially, and may unravel the whole texture actually, if it be not conserved by an Arm of Superiordinary Power. Thirdly, the least Evangelical Truth is more worth than all the Civil Truths in the World, that are meerly so. Fourthly, that Truth is the Parent of all liberty whether Political or Personal; so much untruth, so much thraldom, *Joh. 8. 32.*

Hence it is, that God is so jealous of his Truths, that he hath taken order in his due justice: First, that no practical Sin is so Sinful as some error in judgment; no man so accursed with indelible infamy and dedolent impenitency, as Authors of Heresie. Secondly, that the least Error, if grown sturdy and pressed, shall set open the Spittle-door of all the squint-ey'd, wry-necked, and brasen-faced Errors that are or ever were of, that litter; if they be not enough to serve its turn, it will beget more, though it hath not one crust of reason to maintain them. Thirdly, that that State which will permit Errors in Religion, shall admit Errors in Policy unavoidably. Fourthly, that that Policy which will suffer irreligious Errors, shall suffer the loss of so much Liberty in one kind or other, I will not exempt *Venice, Rhaguse, the Cantons, the Netherlands, or any.*

An easie head may soon demonstrate, that the Pre-mentioned Planters, by Tolerating all Religions, had immazed themselves in the most intolerable confusions and inextricable thraldoms the World ever heard of. I am perswaded the Devil himself was never willing with their proceedings, for fear it would break his wind and wits to attend such a Province. I speak it seriously, according to my meaning. How all Religions should enjoy their liberty, Justice its due regularity, Civil cohabitation moral honesty, in one and the same Jurisdiction, is beyond the Artique of my comprehension. If the whole conclave of Hell can so compromise, exadverse, and diametrical contradictions, as to compolitize such a multimonstrous maufrey of heteroclytes and quicquidlibets quietly; I trust I may say with all humble reverence,  
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