

and thereupon he was placed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the Throne, though Edmond Earl of March was the next Heir in Right of Blood.

So the Parliament settled the Crown on H. 7. and the Heirs male of his Body, before he married the Princess *Elizabeth*, who was the next Heir, by virtue of which Settlement he held it all his Reign.

Now the Parliament Anno 13 *Eliz.* reciting, That some Doubts were made, whether the Laws and Statutes of this Realm remaining then in force, were sufficient for the Safety and Preservation of the Queen; therefore to clear these Doubts, they enacted amongst other things, *That if any Person should hold or affirm, that the Common Laws of this Realm, not altered by Parliament, ought not to direct the Right of the Crown of England, or that the Queen by and with the Authority of Parliament, is not able to limit and bind the Crown, &c. that then, &c.*

Every Government hath a Power to preserve it self, which is never more effectually done, than by preserving the Laws of the Nation, and the Liberties of the People, that they may not be subverted by the next Successor, who is an Enemy to the Established Religion, and who would certainly alter it, by breaking through all Laws which are made to guard it, and by making his Subjects Slaves.

But this Power ought not to be exercised by any Act of Parliament, but in such Cases where the Government is in Danger by such a Successor, if he should get into the Throne.

And though some have affirmed, that by the Law of God and Nature, the Succession of the Crown is inseparably annexed to the next in Blood, certainly those who are of this Opinion, do not consider