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With the
KINGS EVIL,

Used in the Time of
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First, The King, kneeling, shall say,

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

And so soon as He hath said that, He shall say,

Give the Blessing.

The Chaplain kneeling before the King, and having a Stole about his Neck shall answer and say,

The Lord be in your heart, and in your lips, to confesse all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Or else he shall say,

Christ hear us. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then

Then by and by the King shall say,

I confefs to God, to the blessed Virgin *Mary*, to all Saints, and to you, that I have finned in thought, word, and deed through my fault: I pray Holy *Mary*, and all the Saints of God and you, to pray for me.

The Chaplain shall answer and say,

Almighty God have mercy upon you, and pardon you all your fins, deliver you from all evil, and confirm you in good, and bring you to everlasting life, Amen.

The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you abfolution and remiffion of all your fins, time for true repentance and amendment of life, with the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

This done the Chaplain shall say,

The Lord be with you.

The King shall answer,

And with thy fpirit.

The Chaplain,

Part of the Gospel according to St. Mark.

The King shall answer,

Glory to thee, O Lord.

The Chaplain reads the Gospel,

LAST he appeared to thofe Eleven as they fat at the Table: and he exprobatd their Incredulity and hardnefs of Heart, becaufe they did not believe them that had feen him rifen again. And he faid to them: Going into the whole World, Preach the Gospel to all
Creatures

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Creatures. He that believeth and is Baptized, shall be saved: But he that believeth not, shall be condemned. And them that believe, these Signs shall follow: In my name shall they cast out Devils, they shall speak with new tongues. Serpents shall they take up, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall impose hands upon the sick, and they shall be whole.

Which last clause, (They shall impose, &c.) the Chaplain repeats as long as the King is handling the sick person. And in the time of repeating the aforesaid words, (They shall impose, &c.) the Clerk of the Closet shall kneel before the King, having the sick Person upon the right-hand; and the sick Person shall likewise kneel before the King: and then the King shall lay his hand upon the fore of the sick Person. This done, the Chaplain shall make an end of the Gospel.

And so our Lord *JESUS* after he spake unto them was assumed into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. But they going forth preached every where; our Lord working withal, and confirming the Word with signs which followed.

Whilst this is reading, the Chirurgion shall lead away the sick Person from the King. And after the Gospel the Chaplain shall say,

The Lord be with you.

The King shall answer,

And with thy spirit.

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The Chaplain,

The beginning of the Gospel according to St. *John*.

The King,

Glory to thee, O Lord.

The Chaplain then shall say this Gospel following,

IN the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and God was the word. This was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing, that which was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darknes, and the darknes did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was *John*. This man came for testimony : to give testimony of the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but to give testimony of the light. It was the true light which lightneth every man that cometh into this world.

Which last clause (It was the true light, &c.) shall still be repeated so long as the King shall be crossing the sore of the sick Person, with an Angel of Gold Noble, and the sick Person to have the same Angel hang'd about his neck, and to wear it until he be full whole. This done, the Chirurgion shall lead away the sick Person as he did before, and then the Chaplain shall make an end of the Gospel.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came into his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, he gave them power to be made the Sons of God, to those that believe in his name. Who not
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of blood, nor of will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God are born. And the word was made flesh, and dwelt in us, and we saw the glory of him, glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and verity.

Then the Chaplain shall say,

The Lords name be praised.

The King shall answer,

Now and for ever.

Then shall the Chaplain say this Collect following, praying for the Sick Person or Persons :

O Lord, hear my prayer.

The King shall answer,

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Chaplain,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, the eternal health of them that believe; graciously hear us for thy servants for whom we implore the aid of thy mercy, that their health being restored to them, they may give thee thanks in thy church, thro' *CHRIST* our Lord. Amen.

This Prayer following is to be said secretly, after the sick Persons be departed from the King, at his Pleasure.

Almighty God, Ruler and Lord, by whose goodness the blind see, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and all sick persons

sons are healed of their Infirmities: By whom also alone the gift of healing is given to mankind, and so great a grace, thro' thine unspeakable goodness toward this Realm, is granted unto the Kings thereof, that by the sole imposition of their hands a most grievous and filthy disease should be cured: Mercifully grant that we may give thee thanks therefore, and for this thy singular benefit conferr'd on us, not to our selves, but to thy name let us daily give glory; and let us always so exercise our selves in piety, that we may labour not only diligently to conserve, but every day more and more to encrease thy grace bestowed upon us: And grant, that on whose bodies soever we have imposed hands in thy name, thro' this thy Vertue working in them, and thro' our Ministry, may be restored to their former health, and being confirmed therein, may perpetually with us give thanks unto thee the Chief Physician and Healer of all diseases; and that henceforwards they may so lead their lives, as not their bodies only from sickness, but their souls also from sin may be perfectly purged and cured: Thro' our Lord *JESUS CHRIST* thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God World without end. Amen.

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