

[*double rule*]

A FIFTH-MONARCHY-MAN

I²S one, that is not contented to be a Privy-Counsellor of the Kingdom of Heaven, but would fain be a Minifter of State of this World, and tranflate the Kingdom of Heaven to the Kingdom of Earth. His Defign is to make *Chrift* King, as his Forefathers the *Jew* did, only to abufe and crucify him, that he might fhare his Lands and Goods, as he did his Vicegerents here. He dreams of a Fool's Paradife without a Serpent in it, a golden Age all of Saints, and no Hypocrites, all *holy-Court* Princes, and no Subjects but the Wicked ; a Government of *Perkin Warbec* and *Lambert Simnel* Saints, where every Man, that had a Mind to it, might make himfelf a Price, and claim a Title to the Crown. He fancies a *fifth-Monarchy* as the Quinteffence of all Governments, abftracted from all Matter, and confifting

wholly of Revelations, Vifions, and Myfteries. *John* of *Leyden* was the firft Founder of it, and though he mifcarried, like *Romulus* in a Tempeft, his Pofterity have Revelations every full Moon, that there may be a Time to fet up his Title again, and with better Succefs ; though his Brethren, that have attempted to fince, had no fooner quartered his Coat with their own, but their whole outward Men were fet on the Gates of the City ; where a Head and four Quarters ftand as Types and Figures of the *fifth-Monarchy*. They have been contriving (fince Experiments, that coft Necks are too chargeable) to try it in little, and have depofed King *Oberon*, to erect their Monarchy in *Fairy-Land*,

as being the moſt proper and natural Region in the whole World for their Government, and if it ſucceed there to proceed further. The *Devil's* Proſpect of all the Kingdoms of the Earth, and the Glory of them, has ſo dazzled their Eyes, that they would venture their Necks to take him at his Word, and give him his Price. Nothing comes ſo near the Kingdom of Darkneſs as the *fifth-Monarchy*, that is no where to be found, but in dark Prophecies, obſcure Mythologies, and myſtical Riddles, like the Viſions *Aeneas* ſaw in Hell of the *Roman* Empire.

Next this it moſt reſembles *Mahomet's* Coming to the *Turks*, and King *Arthur's* Reign over the Britons in *Merlin's* Prophecies ; ſo near of Kin are all fantaſtic Illuſions, that you may diſcern the ſame Lineaments in them all. The poor Wicked are like to have a very ill time under them, for they are reſolved upon arbitrary Government, according to their ancient and fundamental Revelations, and to have no Subjects but Slaves, who between them and the *Devil* are like to ſuffer Perſecution enough to make them as able Saints, as their Lords and Maſters. He gathers Churches on the Sunday, as the *Jews* did Sticks on their Sabbath, to ſet the State on Fire. He humms and hahs high Treason, and calls upon it, as Gameſters do on the Caſt they would throw. He groans Sedition, and, like the *Phariſee*, rails, when he gives Thanks. He interprets Prophecies, as *Whittington* did the Bells, to ſpeak to him, and governs himſelf accordingly.
