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Men whether of Talents or not think
themselves competent Judges of all the
Transactions in a Cabinet, ^{even} when the Springs
from whence the measures have arisen are
from their nature totally unknown to them,
this is surely very unjust for the propriety
of an action is not to ^{be} determined by
the effect it has had, but by the causes
that gave birth to it; this has made me
undertake to write down my own
Transactions which I call Heaven to
Witness, I mean without partiality
to myself, fairly to state that whenever
God of his infinite goodness shall
call me out of this World the
tongue of malice may not print
my intentions in those Colours she
admires, nor the Sycophant extoll
me beyond what I deserve, I do not
pretend to any Superior abilities, but
will give place to no One in meaning

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preserve the freedom, happiness, & glory
of my Dominions & all their Inhabitants,
to ~~fulfill~~ ^{fulfill} my Duty to my God, & to my
Neighbour in the most extended
sense, that I have ever is undoubted
otherwise I should not be human, but
I flatter myself all unprejudiced
persons will be convinced that whenever
I have said it has been from the
head not the Heart