such an Express Covenant is Contrary to the Interest of Hell: for a thing so Horrid is like to startle the Conscience and awaken any soul that knows what a Devil is, to Deliberation and Repentance: But the Interest of Hell and this way mightily promotes. And if we cast our Eyes on Man as Really he is, Sunk into Flesh and present Bondage darkened in his Mind and Governed by his Imagination: led by his passions and besotted by Sin and folly, hardened by Evil Customs and hurried away by the Torrent of Inclinations and Desires: it is not Incredible that he may be prevailed upon by the Tempter and his own lusts, to act at a Wonderfull Rate of Madness and Continuance: tho in its Intent upon his present satisfaction, without Care or Consideration of the Dreadfulness and Danger of the Condition. This furnisheth an Answer to Another Question, that it is not probable persons will be so Daring as to Renounce God and Eternal Happiness and so Wicked lastingly Pinder their soul and bodies for a short time Interest. For if Men of Liberal Education and Acute Sense, that know their Duty and their Danger are Drawn by their appetites with their Eyes open upon the Most fatal Rocks, and Make all the Best they can for their God and their happiness; if such Can barter their souls for trifles, and fall Everlasting for a Moment; Stand upon the Brink of a precipice, and Contemn all the terrors of the future Dreadfull day, why should it be Incredible that a British vile person, Letter with Ignorance and Bound with Malice Mindless of God and Unconcerned about a future Being should be persuaded to accept of present Delightfull Gratifications, without considering the Desperate Condition?

A Tacit Compact with Satan is 1.st when persons do by Superstitious Forms of prayer expressly Invocate him for help. 2.d when they knowingly and wilfully use those Superstitious Rites and Ceremonies of Men by Magicians or Witches, or use Unlawfull Means to bring any thing about which they know to be Ineffectual in themselves without the Concurrence of the Devil, as the Speaking one suspected of witchcraft

Witchcraft, hanging Amulets about their Neck &c. Sennert Practick. Medicine lib. 6 part 9 cap. 5 Perkins Discourse of witchcraft chap. 2 Cowpers Mystery of witchcraft Book 1 chap. 3 Such when men Exercise themselves in things above the power of Nature and Reach of art; they in some Manner Converse with the evil Spirit, and are assisted by him. With this secret League the Devil Contents himself when he perceives that the party is not soon to be drawn in to the other. ~~Nathanielis Parad~~ For it may be as Christ allowed some who did not openly follow him to have power to cast out Devils in his Name: because one who did a Miracle in his Name was on his side, and could not speak evil of him, Mark 9. 36. 39. 40. So the Devil is pleased also to have some who do not openly own him but work by his power and Appointed Means. A Notion is that wicked Spirit hardly at any Loss: seeing it is likely that those Latent Confederates may, after a Continual Addicting themselves to some arts of his Invention, proceed to a Direct Inter course, and Enter into an Express Covenant with him. Besides, that by Rendering such insignificant Means Effectual he feeds the Vulgar with a false faith and Superstitious Confidence to the Dishonour of God and their own Destruction. Some Reckon a Kind of Conjuring any person in order to Cure him of the evil to be a piece of Satanical Superstition, Stemming Romanico dolisp or the Magic.

Authors who have Enquired into the Mystery of this black art tell us, that those who have Devoted themselves to Satan by an Express Compact, are his Darling Favourites, and More assisted by him in what they Aim to bring to pass, than such as have only tacitly Covenanted with him. Prosp. Garinus Dolitis Quest. 20 n. 78.

There are two principal branches of this Black Art Viz. Divination and Operative Magick or Witchcraft.

Divination (Divinatio quasi Divinatio Imitatio) is the Revealing of things past, present or to Come by the Assistance of the Devil. Which is practised Various ways. His