TO
MY MOST HONORD FRIEND
M'FRANCIS GODOLPHIN
of Godolphin.

Honor'd Sir,

Our most worthy Brother
M' Sidney Godolphin, when he
lived, was pleas'd to think my
studies something, and other-
wise to oblige me, as you
know, with real testimonies of his good
opinion, great in themselves, and the grea-
ter for the worthinesse of his person. For
there is not any vertue that disposeth a
man, either to the service of God, or to the
service of his Country, to Civill Society,
or private Friendship, that did not manifest-
ly appear in his conversation, not as acqui-
red by necessitie, or affected upon occasion,
but inherent, and shining in a generous con-
stitution of his nature. Therefore in honour
and gratitude to him, and with devotion to
your selfe, I humbly Dedicate unto you
this my discourse of Common-wealth. I
know not how the world will receive it,
nor how it may reflect on those that shall
seem to favour it. For in a way beset with
those that contend, on one side for too great
Liberty, and on the other side for too much
Authority.