

I call a
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There's no
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In this Pa-
negyrick,
but what
is warrant-
ed by the
*Bloody Af-
sises, &c.*

Spade a Spade—And, if I don't
mistake, what is here offer'd
may serve as a *Mirror*, in which
future Administrators of Publick
Justice wou'd do well to look;
for *Common Law* runs much upon
Presidents.—If I ha' been too
bold in his Lordships Praise, I may
be excus'd: For there never was
(I humbly conceive) any *RULE*
made in his Lordships Court to
hang me for speaking the Truth. How-
ever, I ha' kept my word, and
have set my Lord in a true Light, and
bid the *World* go whistle. For, (tho'
a *Panegyrick* allows very high
Flights) there's nothing advanced
here, but what has a sufficient
Warrant from the *Bloody Assises*
(which has stood the Test of
Four Editions) or confirm'd by
the Letter of Secret *Memors* sent
from the West of England, or
else

elle by *Persons* who are able to prove all I ha' said in Lord Jeffreys praise—As to what is said of my *Lords Vertues*, not confirmed by such Evidence as this, tis fairly prov'd by *Natural Consequences* (drawn from the *Illegal Practices of the last Reign.*) Of this I wou'd give several Instances, were not the (*suppos'd*) *Instructions* given to Jeffreys (at his going into the West) more than sufficient. So that if in any place I supply my want of *Intelligence* with a little *Invention*, 'tis *Invention* that springs from Truth, and may pass for it,

All the Invention in this History springs from Truth.

*For whatsoe'er of Fiction I bring in,
'Tis so like Truth, it seems at least a kin.*

But if after all the Care I have taken to do Right to my Lord's Memory, I have said too little, or

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too much in his praise, tho' it is a Fault, yet 'tis such a one as I must cast into the great heap of *Humane Errors*: And seeing we digress in all the Ways of our Lives (yea, seeing the Life of Man is nothing else but *Digression*) I may the better be excused; and the rather still, tho I have soar'd high in Lord Jeffreys Praise, as I have no ways flatter'd his Lordship—And as I have ventur'd to praise his Lordship, which no man before had the Courage to do, so now it can be no surprise shou'd I write *A Panegyrick upon old Nick*. For 'tis no dishonour to give even the Devil his due: And I find as much Reason for so doing, as I had to Write *A Panegyrick on the late Lord Jeffry's Hanging so many in the West*.

We shou'd
give the
Devil his
Due.

This

This, with Hearty Service
to your *Worthy Mother* (and
the rest of our *Taunton Friends*)
is all from

Your very

Humble Servant, &c.

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ANSWER
TO THE
PANEGYRIC

On the Late

Lord Jeffreys.

By a FRIEND of the Lady's, to
whom 'twas directed.

*Tho' what he Acted, did Unjust Appear,
A Good Intention must his Actions Clear.*

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On the Late

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Sir,

I Have Read your *Panegyric* on the late Lord Jeffreys's Hanging so many in the West; Directed in a Letter, to Madam H—Who had a Brother Drawn, Hang'd and Quarter'd at Taunton, &c. And was so well pleas'd with the Picture you gave of the last Reign, in the Life and Death, of that

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Great Man, that it inclin'd me to Write some *Remarks* upon it, which I have here sent you; (*unknown to Madam H —*) And if you Print your *Panegyric*, I am willing you shou'd add 'em at the end of it; and tho' they may Displease my Lord *Jeffreys Enemies*, yet sure they'll Oblige his Friends, as they are a *further Panegyric* upon that Noble P E E R.

Sir, You so much applaud your Happiness, *that Fortune o'er looks your humble Cottage*, I perceive you are Grown humble enough, to Neglect the Glory of a *Panegyric*, Preferring Innocence, before the renown of performing *High and Desperate Actions*; had that been my Lord *Jeffreys Temper*, you had wanted this Noble Subject

Subject for your Pen; for in an Age, where Goodness is so much despis'd and hated, and Greatness Idoliz'd to that Degree, that what an *Honest Heathen* would Abhor, as Base and Cruel, taking Sanctuary under Greatness, gives it a Reputation beyond what ever Virtue can pretend to.

You are extreamly justified, in your Choice of a *Panegyric*, rather than a *Satyr*, to Paint in Lively Colours, the Great Actions of a *Lord Jeffreys*, he Liv'd in a time of huge Designs, no less than the *Freeing the Catholick Church*, from a *Pestilent Northern Heresie*, which had so weaken'd and obscur'd its Glory, that all means possible must be brought to Effect it, all little enough,

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none left out, not the *Devil himself*. And as they made it their chief care to furnish him with proper Instruments, so were they very Happy in many of those that served 'em; tho' it must be own'd they *all came far short of Lord Jeffreys Merits*, a Person so admirably qualified for the Business, that would the *Devil speak the Truth*, he must confess him one of the *best Instruments* he ever took in hand. 'Tis True, the having no Command of his Tears, spoil'd him for a Hypocrite, but that was no great matter, for there was not so much occasion for Persons of that Stamp. To have a high flown Zeal for a *Preposterous and mistaken Loyalty*, was sufficient; and at that time, run
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down all other Points of Religion, carrying all before it; and with this *Superlative Vertue*, was that great Man most Am-
ply Furnish'd, from his own *Native Self-Love and Ambition*; which was no sooner known to the Court, then he was deservedly plac'd in a right Post, for their Service; and the great Bravery with which he acquitted himself, has forced this *Panegyric* from you, to Rescue his Memory from the Obloquy, *Envy and Revenge* is apt to cast upon all Publick Actions, that makes any Sufferers, who are rarely brought to make the distinction between the Necessity of *Suffering for the Publick Welfare*, and those ordinary mischiefs they undergo, from the *Pride, Malice, or Cruelty*

Cruelty, of any particular Persons, who they venture, in those Cases to pronounce Wicked; and which the World allows 'em to do: So that a *Panegyric* is absolutely necessary, to distinguish him from an ordinary Villain.

'Tis hard that for *Julian*, *Nero*, and other such Kings, there shou'd be Pens found, to celebrate their Praises, and this great *Publick Spirit*, should find none willing, or able, to do him Right; for tho' he mov'd in a *lower Sphear*, he had many Happy Opportunities of *Blood and Slaughter*, which he never fail'd to Improve, for his Matters Honour and Service, enough to raise his *Character*, as high as the best of 'em; especially what he Acted in the *West*, can never be equal'd, but must stand alone

praise. 'Twere much to be wish'd something more lasting, then the *Quarters of those Men* might be found, to Transmit to Posterity this accomplish'd Picture of that *Bloody Zeal*, that sprung from the Fervent Charity of Romanists, to Damn with speed, or save the Souls of *Hereticks*.

'Twas such a Zeal, no doubt, that Acted this great Man, to pursue *with Vigour*, whatever he undertook; for I can't allow the *Insolences of Mob*, to have the least share in such Glorious Actions: There could be nothing so mean, in his designs, as a *Poor Revenge*, upon those he esteem'd the *Scum* of the Nation: He aim'd at things of a higher Nature; such as the *Daunting the Re-*
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noured Courage of the English, and deter 'em for ever offering to oppose what their King has in his Head to do, for his own Eternal Fame and Glory, which can't fail attending such *Catholick Exploits*, so long as Tongues or Pens remain amongst 'em; and what an *infamous Villain*, must he have appeared to after Ages, had he Neglected so fair an Occasion to improve the *Victory*; which was not obtain'd for his Master, but by hazarding the *Lives* of the most Loyal, the most Learned, and the most Tender Conscienc'd of all his Majesty's Subjects: And we see plainly, all these Considerations Weigh'd more with him than any respect to *Humanity*, or Natural Affection; he defied 'em

all, or any of 'em, to Work the least effect upon his *great Soul*, in Cases of that Moment. But (Sir) I need not inlarge For you have bin so just, to here. his Lordships *Merits*, as to shew us how *good and Merciful* he was to all that fell under his Sentence; *from the Murder of Sir Edmund Bury-Godfry, down to the last that Dy'd in the West* — And as you *Waded through this Sea of Blood*, that my Lord might have all his Praises; so you have done Justice to his *Enemies*, in telling us what they *Object* against him, as to his *Proceedings in the West*; which you have answer'd (*if you are in Earnest*) so much to his Lordships Honour, that I think your *Justifying*

tying his *Western Cruelties*, is the highest flight in your *Panegyric*, next to that of making *George Lord Jeffreys* one of our *Deliverers from Popery and Slavery* (according to the Prophecy of those he Sentenc'd. — And I must say, you have shewn no ordinary Love to his good *Name*, by endeavouring to clear him of all that *Levity, Whoring, Drunkenness, Swearing, Lying, Sabbath-breaking, Pride, Covetousness and Oppression*; which the *West Country-Men* lay to his Charge, in their *Secret Memoirs*.

But 'twill more enhance the *Price of his Great Actions*, if some thing be said to Set forth the true *Merits and Greatness* of his opposers; they were not a *Rabble of Men*, that
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met together in Arms, they knew not why; *the Duke of Monmouths Declaration* plainly shews the Principles they went upon; but how those Principles should be of Force, to Ingage 'em in an Attempt so difficult, and full of danger, to *Rescue the Nation*, from the mischiefs they feared, while the rest of the Nation either saw nothing to Fear, or saw no means to help it, is much a wonder; but perhaps, they thought it not good Manners, to Question the Performance of those Promises the King had made 'em, to preserve the Laws: But *those in Arms*, Judged it no time to Complement away their Rights, and have Idolatry Imposed upon 'em; who knows, but they might think the Pope
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Antichrist, which made his Religion appear so Terrible to 'em tho' tis a point not yet Determin'd in the Church of *England*: And certainly they can't be more in the right, then not to fix it absolutely in that Church; for if an *Exorbitant Ambition of Riches, Power and Greatness*, in one Representing in the Church, the Power and Authority of God, when for *Secular Advantages*, they carry it beyond the Power God has given 'em, is a great mark of *Antichrist*: Some degree of that Spirit, may be seen in other Churches; contending with each other, for *Superiority*, striving every way imaginable, to increase their Riches, Power and Dignities; what time
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may improve this to, none knows.

However those *Patriots in Arms*, found by experience, these Lesser Evils were much easier to be born with, then redress'd ; because, Humane Laws does not touch 'em ; but so much of their Religion, as the *Laws of the Land Secures to 'em*, they thought themselves obliged, to Preserve, and Defend, at the expence of their Lives, from open Assaults, and Treacherous designs : For how can it be thought a Crime, to draw a Sword in Defence of ones Just Rights ? *Whatever we are Born to, the Law allows us to Defend and Keep ;* and helps us to Punish all Disturbers, of our just Possessions ; and can we possibly think *our Religion Establish'd*

Establish'd by Law, of so small Account, we should Value it less than *Nabath* did his Inheritance, and give it up, to please the King?

No certainly, for he who understands to prize it as he ought, will think himself *Happy to Die*, for the securing it to *Posterity*: This was the mind of those, who were prevail'd with, by the *Duke of Monmouth's* Declaration, to assist him with their Lives and Fortunes, and these Principles might perhaps be thought as Strong, tho' not so Universal, as their's that opposed them; and able to animate to great Actions; which proves the Enemy was not so contemptible, but that there needed some *Courage and Bravery*, to encoun-

ter 'em; but that's nothing to my Lord *Jeffreys*; he was not the Man that subdu'd 'em, it was chiefly owing to the mighty Courage, and Conduct of a *great Prelate*; which shews they were somewhat put to it, for *Commanders in chief*; but for inferiour Officers, they found a Principle that procured 'em all they needed.

But *Lord Jeffreys* was the only Man, that with his *Cruel Severities*, could Terrifie the Nation to a degree, as might Secure 'em *from the Danger* of ever being so put to it again.

And truly the *Wisdom of their Councils*, appear'd in their giving him *Kirk* for his Assistant, for *two fitter Men* for any Im-
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ployment, *Civil or Military*, 'twas impossible to find; the one having so excellent a *Fancy* in Executions, he could perform 'em agreeably, and make a *good Jest* of 'em; the other so excellent at finding out the *many ways of catching 'em*, that none might escape him, that were capable of being drain'd of *Money*; and 'twas the *best Service* he cou'd do his Master, as the surest way to prevent any danger of the like *Rebellion*; which could never have been done, by one that wanted the *least dram of Lord Jeffrey's Courage and Resolution* to make Attempts of that nature 'tis impossible; which we plainly see was all his design, in *Whipping* some for nothing, and *Hanging* others, for what amounted to

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nothing, meerly for Prevention; for tho' he spar'd the Lives of the *Rich* (content only with a large share of their Money) he thought it most secure to Hang the *Poor*, for if they escaped with their Lives, they might be forth-coming; and upon such another occasion be hir'd by the *Rich* to do mischief, which was all the Danger to be fear'd, from such Scoundrils, 'meer Sons of Dung-
 ' Hills, that have neither Li-
 ' berty, nor Property, to con-
 ' tend for, as he tells 'em, in
 ' that incomparable Speech he
 ' made to 'em, at *Bristol*; a
 Speech that must for ever Silence
 with shame, all *set Speeches*, and
formal Declamations; his Audi-
 tors were to blame, to expect a
 prepar'd Speech from him,
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whose Heart was at no time unprovided of *Loyalty*, to declare the Kings gracious intentions to his most Rebellious Subjects; nor *Zeal*, to serve his Country; which made him despise, and overlook the *Pomp and Honours*, that are the Rewards and usual Attendants of those Services; nor yet of *Charity*, to reform the Fashionable abuses the *Men of Bristol*, so weakly submitted to: Nor to *Compleat* all, he wanted not *Humility*, such an unparallell'd Humility, of bringing 'a
' Brush in his Pocket, to rub
' the Dust from all their Stock-
' ings, or wherever it stuck, and
' a Besom at his Back, with a
' Resolute Intent to Sweep e-
' very ones Door, from the
' Highest, to the Lowest; and
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were it possible for any other Man to be Furnish'd with *all his Vertues*, what were so easie as to speak from the Heart? But this was *his Priviledge alone, and much beyond Imitation*; the Town show'd their good manners, in Accepting his Lordship's great Favour and Condescention; however, they had *set Men a Work, to make clean all before he came*, and sav'd him that trouble; so that the *Five Daies* he pass'd there, waiting for Information of some *Nastiness* that needed his Service, was much better spent in the Contemplation of some of those *Great Services* he had done his Master, since his Arrival in those Parts: Which gave him a Delightful Prospect, of the high Honours, and Transcendant

dant Favours, would be Heap'd upon him, at his Return; which accordingly he found, for his *Great Masters* were not insensible of the *Mighty Services* he had done, and might still do, when in a Proper Post, and certainly he had never fail'd, had not the *whole Kingdom* fail'd, and left him never an Instrument to Work with; for when the good of the Publick, had so far prevail'd with him, to *change his Aversion to Dissenters and Fanaticks*, into the imposing upon the Clergy a Declaration for *Liberty of Conscience*; How Fatal that Prov'd, we all know; besides that, what could he do, when that strong Principle, *Passive Obedience*, which had gain'd 'em so many Souldiers, was quite Broke, and good for nothing? And and whose Fault was it, but their's who lay'd such *Mighty Stress* upon it? They could expect no less, then that it should fail 'em; it might have *lasted till this time, with good Usage*.

Yet 'tis wonderful to observe the *Strength* of the Mans Parts; who never was at a Loss, in his greatest
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Extremities : But always found out the only way of dispatch, in all Business; this led him readily to the *last Scene of his Life*, to prevent the Bustle, trouble and dispute, it would have cost, to *have proportion'd his Sentence exactly to his Merits* : It must be own'd, he found out a better way for himself, than any he cou'd have been advis'd to. This was an *unsuspected Weapon*, of which the effects were plainly seen, and the Hand that us'd it. The best way to prevent *all Question and Dispute* about it, that his *Great Darling, Strife*, he had so Cherish'd all his Life, might Die with him, that none after him, might enjoy a *Fest of that Nature*; because he knew none after him, could do it with so good a Grace. There's nothing can be added to his *incomparable Character*; tho' 'tis all Perfection, it can't be Suspected of the least Flattery. I shall add no more, but Conclude,

Your, &c.

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