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by Carpets to tread on: She meditates Plainness in Dress, and Apparel; and if I may believe my Eyes (*when I was last at Her Majesties Chappel*) is a great Instance of Self-Denial, in Her Train and Look. *Never was Majesty better counter'd;* She knows how to be familiar without making Her self Cheap; and to condescend without Meanness: She has all *the Greatness of Majesty, with all the Vertues of Conversation,* and knows very well what becomes Her Table, what the Council-Board; and what the Chappel. The Perfection of a Prince may be comprehended within these five Qualities, *Piety, Wisdom, Justice, Goodness and Valour:* *Piety*; fits him for God, *Wisdom* for himself, *Justice* for the Law, *Valour* for Arms, and *Goodness* for the whole World; and all these are Eminent in the Life and Reign of Her present Majesty: Then 'tis no wonder that *Queen ANNE* should have the Love of all Her Subjects: For such is the Condition (and as it were the Destiny) of good Princes, *'They have a Heart and Soul in every one of their Subjects;* their Blood and Veins disperse themselves throughout all the Parts of their Dominions; and their least Wounds are follow'd by publick Symptoms, and popular Maladies. Thus have I given a brief Account of the Life and Character of *Queen ANNE*, from Her Birth to Her Coronation, and have mention'd those Five Perfections of a Good Monarch, that have been so Eminent in Her, since she was *QUEEN*; by which it appears, She is the Best of Queens, and best of Women. Her Heart is *entirely English.* She is kind, and indulgent, to all Her Subjects; recommends *MODERATION* in all Her Speeches; would have us *entirely united at Home,* (1) and makes *RELIGION* the principal Jewel of Her Crown. To conclude, all our *VOICES* shall praise, and Her Sacred Majesty may *long, long, long,* Reign over us; to which, no doubt, all true Protestants will say *Amen.* — *God save the Queen.*

(1) See Her Speech to the Parliament, October 24th 1704.

In short She is——

The fairest Daughter of the fairest Kind,
 In Form, an Angel, and a Saint in Mind;
 Wise without fear of Danger and Deceit;
 Amidst the Business of the Court, Sedate;
 Watchful, yet without Care, without Ambition Great.
 The living Standard of a Consort's Love,
 Flaming as Angels, spotless as the Nuptial Dove;
 Oh! May She Deathless, as Her Fragrant Memory, prove!

Having given a brief Account of the *Life of our Gracious Queen*, I shou'd next Characterize the Royal Consort of Her Bed, Prince George of Denmark. To begin with his Birth, Prince George of Denmark, is 2d Son of *Frederick III.* late King of Denmark, and Uncle to *Christiern the V.* the present King: He was born at *Copenhagen*, in *April 1653*; and in *1668* he went to travel into several Parts of *Europe*. As he came into the World with all the Advantages of a Royal Birth and Education; so he has rendered both yet more conspicuous, by his matchless Vertues: By these (tho' he is not CROWN'D) he hath a Title to all our Hearts. Thus the Morning of his Life was clear and calm; and ever since his whole Life has been a continued Series of Heroick Action. While he practis'd but the Rudiments of War, he out-went all other Captains, and has found none to surpass, but himself alone. He fought several Battles in *Denmark, Sweden, Ireland, &c.* and where-ever he charg'd in Person, he was a Conqueror. Having trac'd this Illustrious Hero, through his Dawning Years, and follow'd him through Fire and Smoke, in the gaining of Victories; I will now start back from the roaring of Cannon, to consider Prince George, as Husband to our Sovereign Lady: This makes him the 2d Person (for Peace and Dignity) in the Three Kingdoms; and may he live long to enjoy this deserv'd Honour. As the Queen and Prince are equally match'd, as to their Birth and Fortunes, so their mutual Deportment, is (always) becoming the Dignity and Deanness of the Conjugal State: The

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Queen is one of the kindest of Wives (as appears by the Revenue she ENACTED for the Prince after her Death) and a Pattern of Fidelity to all her Sex; and the Prince is such an Instance of Conjugal Love to the whole Court (*where once 'twas a Jest to admire a Wife*) that he never strays from his Spouse (now his Sovereign Lady) in Thought, Word and Deed. As this ROYAL PAIR (to the Shame of those Courtiers that keep Strumpets) have been ever true to their Marriage Bed: so God has blessed 'em with several Children; the last which died, being *William Duke of Gloucester*, who gave great Hopes of his Princely Parts, and Vertuous Inclinations; and had he out-liv'd his Mother, had come in as next Heir to the Crown.— Thus we see the PRINCE fears nothing but God, and loves nothing on Earth like the Queen, and the Kingdoms she Governs; and if ever any — *Prince George of Denmark* is a Good Man — *He ventur'd his All in the late Revolution*, and did all that was POSSIBLE to deliver us from Popery and Slavery: VALOUR is so Essential a Part of his Royal Highness, that 'tis part of his Being, and the happy Effects of it, for the Support of his Native Country (*for he so calls England* (a) *by the endearing Tye of Marriage*) is never to be comprehended, but by Admiration. In him alone are to be found all the Vertuous Qualities of the best Princes in the World, without the Vices of any of them. To sum up his Character in few Words; *He is the Pattern, and Standard of Conjugal Love, a Universal Gentleman; and if we view him as Lord High Admiral of England; we shall see him as the Soul of the Royal Navy, acting as bravely, and regularly, every particular Member in its several Place and Office.* There has always been, in his Royal Highness, a most tender Regard to the Honour of *England*; and this Kindness to *England*, is a Love Common to him, with a Wife, the most Excellent of Queens. He is marry'd to a Queen, who

(a) I. the latter to join King James, upon his going over to the House of Orange.

only cou'd deserve him; and they EQUALLY REIGN; Her Majesty by the Laws of the Land, and by the joint Desire of all her Subjects; and his Royal Highness, by a continued Series of Great Actions, has erected him a THRONE in ev'ry Heart (*the noblest Seat of Empire*) and may he Reign and Govern there (as KING) 'till he is crown'd with Immortality; and when their MUTUAL REIGN is ended (for they love so tenderly, they'll go near to expire together) may they have nothing to do but to die, and be CROWN'D together above. And as his Royal Highness has adorn'd the Crown on her Majesty's Head (by his RULING in her Subjects Hearts) so it shall be our daily Prayer, that he may further make the Nation happy, by a *Legitimate Prince of Wales*, who may succeed him in his Royal Vertues, and continue the CROWN (*entirely English*) to the End of Time.

*The Royal Tide teems in his Princely Veins,
And Vertue still, the kindling Life maintains;
Chaste Love and Courage, blazon o'er his Fame,
And with Meridian Beams writedown his Name.*

The Queen Dowager of England: She ever had the Character of being a very Merciful, Just and Peaceable Queen (*never intermeddling with State Matters*) for her Religion, 'tis that of the *Roman Catholick*; but she still lives in our *Litany*, and who knows but the many Prayers that are made for her, may prevail with the Almighty, to accept of the SINCERITY of her Heart, notwithstanding the Errors of her Religion.

*Amidst the comely Ruins of her Face,
Some Strokes of Majesty her Aspect grace;
Her Royal Vertues, not more brightly shone,
When, with her Charles, she bless'd the British Throne.*

The Princess Sophia: The Succession of the Crown (after Queen Anne and her Issue) is settled on this Lady (and the Illustrious House of *Hannover*) who is a

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most accomplish'd Person for Piety, Justice, Charity,
and Moderation.

*From Royal Loins her bright Extraction springs,
Whose seeds reject more than her Lineage brings;
A shining Host of Vertues, round her wait,
And vindicate her Name from Time and Fate.*

The Victorious Duke of Marlborough, Captain General of her Majesty's Forces in Flanders, &c. and (for his Great Victories obtain'd this Year in *Battaglia*) is now made *Prince of the German Empire*. This Great General has an Antipathy, by Nature, against **POURRY**, and Arbitrary Government; and is made for that very End to fight a *French Man*. He has a Life at the Service of his Queen, his Country, and all Mankind. The very Name of *Cressy*, *Agincourt*, chain him; and he'd much rather be buried there, in the **BED OF HONOUR**, than tamely die at Home in his own; and indeed, what need a General fear, who (like the noble *Marlborough*) has the very Hearts of his Soldiers, by his *Valour and Generous Nature*; and I had almost said his Soldiers are as brave as he; for there's not a Man in his whole Army knows what 'tis to murmur at, or dispute his Commands, any more than to fly, while he in Person leads the Battle, which he will (if the Enemy will stand long enough to be kill'd) through a Sea of Blood: Our **VALLANT MARLBOROUGH**, had rather get New Wounds (which he wears, as Great Men Stars) than loast of his Old, and be in a New Battle, than talk of a die he has formerly seen; Nature it self he can fight with, tho' perhaps not overcome; Rocks, Mountains, Rivers, Deluges, and Winter, never make him afraid; he may retire, but never runs away; and his Retreat is like the Sun, which mounts so low in Winter, only to take the Advantage of Wheeling about, and rising again in Summer, when lawcy Fogs and Mists must all fly before him: This gives us Hopes, that the **WILD BEAST of France**, all this while, keeps the World at a *Bay*, only to bring more Glory to the *English Mastives*, in tearing him to the Ground.

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The Victorious Marlborough rises in the Spring like a SNAKE that has lost his Cloathing, all Fresh, Sprightly and Vigorous, calls for *New Bavaria's, New Armies, New Kingdoms to Conquer* and an Enemy that dare fight him; and if he falls in the Battle knows his Cause is well worth it, and desires no better an EPIIAPH, than these few Words,

—HERE LIES AN ENGLISH MAN.

But I shall not here recite all those *Heroick Actions* of this GREAT GENERAL, which all *Europe* have celebrated, and none have equal'd; nor can we doubt, but the Memory of his Great Actions will last, when Time shall have devour'd the Places where they were perform'd, when *Donawart, Hockstet, and Landau*, shall be a Heap of Rubbish, and the Names might otherwise be swallow'd in the Ruine; it will be remember'd by the greatest Actions in the World done there, by the greatest Hero. Thus we find in the Noble *Marlborough*, the true Spirit and Bravery of Old *ROME*, that despises all Dangers; nor can the Manly Roughness of his Martial Temper (ferce to none but his Countries Foes) destroy the engaging SWEETNESS of his Natural Temper; neither do these Excellencies puff him up, for (to compleat his Character) he is *The Brave Marlborough* I have here describ'd, without the least Tincture of Pride or Vanity.

*The noblest Purple swells his Generous Veins,
Which yet he bravely spends in long Campaigns:
A Thirst of Fame, his Gallant Breast inspires,
And only Albion's Peace can quench the Fires.
See! How in comely Dust, and Smak, he stands,
Whilst nodding Fortune flies where he Commands;
Nor is his Conduct, or his Victories less,
Amidst the Fields, and softer Scenes of Peace:
He is accessible, as are the Skies,
Whilst his Tongue wounds us, as his Dutchess Eyes.*

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The Generous and Noble Duke of Devonshire. His Grace is Lord of the Mannor where my Estate lies; (a) by which means, I have had an Opportunity to know his Character. I shall not here take Notice of the NOBLENESSE of his Extraction, and the Greatness of his Descent; these are little things not to be named with the admirable Endowments of his Mind. He Merits all the Deferece that can be pay'd to a *Man of Honour*; for the Noble Blood that has fill'd his Veins has not swell'd his Heart. His Grace is as humble as he is Great; and tho' *Lord Steward of her Majesty's Household, &c.* He uses such an obliging Mein, to all, as if he thought the only thing valuable in Greatness, is the Power it gives to oblige: But designing but a *short Character of this Worthy Patriot*, let's look for him next, where he appears best, in the NOBLE House of Lords (if it be'n't a sort of Sacrilege, to approach that little less than Holy Ground) settling the Concerns of such a Nation as (perhaps) requires the wisest Head; in the World to do it; *Righting the Oppressed, and Innocent*, and promoting such good and wholesome Laws, as Fifty Ages hence may bleis him for. He had ever a mighty Zeal for the Protestant Religion, for the Interest of his Country, its Laws and Liberties. In the late Times of Difficulty and Persecution he was a strenuous Defender of them. To conclude his Character; his HONOUR he wears decently and easily, as if he rather 'condescended' to, than ambition'd it; more for Use than Ornament; and for his Countries Sake, rather than his own.

The Learned and Noble Duke of Buckingham, He has all the Powers of the Soul, in the highest Perfection a piercing Wit, a quick Apprehension, and an unerring Judgment: He understands, critically, the *Delicacies of Poetry*; and is as Great a Judge, as he is a Patron of Learning; and were there any Merit in GREATNESS, the *Duke of Buckingham* wou'd be a *World*; for he has such a Noble House, in *St. James's*

(a) At Chestam, in Bucks.

Park, as may properly be call'd the *Elisium of England*; and were not his Grace better principl'd, than to forget Heaven for the sake of a *Perishing Glory*, he'd little think of Mansions hereafter; who has such a Paradise as this to dwell in; but the generous Man (like this *Illustrious Duke*) is little affected with empty *Greatness*; but fixes himself in the Hearts of the most valuable Part of Mankind, where Proper Merit only is esteem'd; and the Man, not his Equipage, and Accidental Appurtenances respected.

The Noble and Loyal Duke of Leeds; He is Lord of himself; his Passions are so many good Servants, which stand in a diligent Attendance, ready to be commanded by *Law, Reason and Religion*. He is a Great Statesman, and a TRUE SON OF THE CHURCH; and where shall we find strict Morals, unaffected Devotion, refin'd Loyalty, or that *Old English Hero* that made *France*, and the World, tremble, if not in the *Great Leeds*? Neither can I forget his Useful and Noble Charities; and as he is Liberal to the Poor, so he is courteous to all; neither are any of his Graces, and Vertues, blemish'd by Vanity or Affectation.

The Pious and Illustrious Duke of Newcastle; He has the distinguishing Love of his Queen and Country; is arriv'd in Titles, next to Royal, the Highest; and is blest'd with a PRINCLY Fortune. If we search into his Life and Character, we shall find it a *Noble Pattern of Piety, Learning and Moderation*; and which yet makes him the greater Blessing, He is a Zealous Promoter of the REFORMATION; and if it be not ill Manners, to follow him so far, let us look into his *well-order'd Family in Clarkenwell*, and there we shall see him exercising that Hospitality, which (like *Astrea*) might seem to have left the World, were there not some good Houses, like his, where she is so well entertain'd, as to oblige her Continuance amongst us.

The truly Noble and Illustrious Duke of Bedford: We must travel many Ages back, in the leaves of Time, to discover the Spring of his very ancient and renowned Family: He is Son and Heir to the Great *Lord Russel*, who died a MARTYR for the Protestant Religion;

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and there's no Reason to doubt, but that his GRACE by his own Personal Worth, and Merit, will add Lustre to that of his Noble Family. He succeeds, not only to the Honours of his Ancestors, but also to their Virtues, the long Chain of *Magnanimity, Courage, Earnestness of Success, and Desire of doing Good*, is so far from being broken in his Grace, that the precious Metal, yet runs pure to the Newest Link of it; which I will not call the last, because I hope; and pray, it may descend to late Posterity; and his flourishing Youth, and that of his *Pious and Excellent Dutcheßs*, are happy Omens of this Wish. I heartily joyn with Dr. Freeman, in his Prayer, for him, that *His Grace may out-live the Years of his Grandfather; and if it be possible, out-surize his Vertues.* Who can sufficiently admire, or fully imitate the Sweetness of his Temper? The Greatness of his Birth, makes him the more humble (*even a Crown might be refus'd with Pride, and worn with Humility.*) So that Heaven has taken Care to form his GRACE for an Hero; he has all the Advantages of Mind and Body, and an *Illustrious Birth*, Conspiring to render him an extraordinary Person.

James Duke of Queensberry: He had an Eminent Relation to our late Glorious Monarch, when he represented him in the Station of High Commissioner, and his Great Merits did again prefer him to the SAME CHARACTER, under his Excellent Successor; so that he has been *Twice High Commissioner*; and it further heightens his Character, that he's a WILLIAMITE DUKE (if I may so speak) for he early Embark'd on the Revolution Bottom (was one of the first of the Noblemen in Scotland, that declar'd for the Prince of Orange) and was Eminently Zealous and Constant, to the Ends and Measures of his late Majesty and no Man will doubt this, that reads his Speech to the Scotch Parliament, wherein he says, *While Religion and Liberty are in any Value, King William's Memory must be in perpetual Honour.* I might enlarge in his Graces Character, but that his FAME (by the many Services he has done the Crown) has made it needless.

*His Cares are dressing, as his Post is high ;
He wins not Honour by Court Policy ;
Long may the Laurels on his Temples spring ;
Counsel, and all the Conduct of a King.*

The Illustrious Duke of Shrewsbury ; He has a fine and just Taste of what is Great and Honourable ; a Turn of Soul, and depth of Judgment, which distinguish him from the VULGAR, in every thing he speaks and acts.

The Pious Marquess of Hertington ; His Goodness is as diffusive, as his Greatness is illustrious. The Name which he has acquir'd by his Merit, is as Great as that which he took from his Family ; and he will transmit more Lustre to his Posterity, than he derives from his Ancestors.

The Wise, Valiant, and Charitable Earl of Gallway, formerly Lord Justice of Ireland, and now GENERAL of her Majesty's Forces in Portugal. I shall not here take Notice of the Nobleness of his Extraction, and the Greatness of his Descent ; these are little things not to be nam'd, with the Sweetness of his Temper, his Love to England and Ireland, and his sincere and unaffected Piety ; nothing but Sin has his Frown, the good Actions of Men have his Praise ; their Weakness his Excuse ; their Afflictions his Pity, and their Distresses his Succour.

The Loyal Earl of Rochester, He is Uncle to Queen ANNE, and Brother to the Earl of Clarendon. King William the III. finding him qualified for a High Post, made him Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. His Excellency seem'd to be set in this conspicuous Place, on purpose to guide the People into the Path of Love and Obediance, to their God and King. He is a Person of extraordinary Sense, and very close Thinking, a refin'd Politician, and was ever a firm Adherer to the Royal Line ; but his ZEAL for the Church, is the most remarkable Quality in him, and to perfumes the Actions of his whole Life, that it makes him, whatever is Brave, Generous, Merciful, Just and Good. Take him

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in all his Stations (as Ambassador, Privy Councillor, and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, &c.) There's still the same Vein of English Bravery, true Courage, due Moderation, eternal Truth and Fidelity, that runs through him without Distinction. But I'll stop here; for what greater Proof of all these Vertues, than King William's Choice of him, to represent his Royal Person in Ireland.

*His Sires deceas'd, in Antient Annals shine ;
And be the brightest of the Princely Line.*

The Learned Earl of Pembroke: And here I am proud that I cannot flatter; GREATNESS is indeed communicated to some few of both Sexes, but Learning, and Wit, is confin'd to a more narrow Compass; 'tis not shar'd by many, and its SUPREME PERFECTION is in this Noble Earl.

The Noble Earl of Warrington: He has given early Proofs of Steering the whole Course of his Life, by the Correct, and almost perfect Example of his Noble Father. In this Respect, brave Men never die! But are like the Phoenix, from whose perfum'd Ashes one or other shall doth spring up like 'em.

The Magnanimous Earl of Essex (Son to the Noble CAPT. who was barbarously murder'd by Popish Cut-throats.) He is a bright Pattern of Vertue and Courage, an Ornament to the Nobility; a Patron of Liberty, and honour'd, and belov'd by all good Men.

The Right Honourable Earl of Dorset; I han't Room, or wou'd treat (at large) of his matchless Poetry, and shew how good a Master he is in the most substantial and valuable Parts of Learning; 'tis to him we owe the Birth of several Ingenious Pieces: And all he advances, is well bottom'd, solid, and yet lively, and grave, as well as SHINING. His Discourses, are the living Mercur of his Mind and Temper; and shews some secret Charm, that inspires all he says; a Man can't read his Writings a Minute, and leave them in an Ill Humour; the Serenity that runs through them, lays the very Passions of the Peruser; and he's all fill'd with
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Ideas that are calm and Pleasant. *The Statesman, or Ibet*, appears in all he writes; and every Line is a Vein of Oratory. His Stile is manly and fine; and should a Man venture to give the least Sentence a Turn, he'd perfectly spoil it: *In a Word, he's a compleat Statesman, a First Rate Poet, and a Peer of great Honour and Learning.*

The Loyal Earl of Nottingham: I shan't speak of the Wit and Parts of this Great Man, or of those exemplary Vertues, that shin'd so bright in his Youthful Days; to give a Character of all these, wou'd require a Volume. He was *Principal Secretary of State*, for several Years, and was always faithful to his Great Trust. All the *Finches* have been famous for their Wit and Learning; and this Noble Earl is a MASTER OF ELOQUENCE, yet his Speeches in Parliament were never known to falter with the secret Glolles of double or reserv'd Senses; and when his Name is traduc'd (as has been the Fate of the best Favourites) his Innocency bears him out with Courage. so that come what will, he either triumphs in his integrity, or suffers with it. *His Loyalty and Honour* hath cost him much, and he does both keep, value, and employ it, and which crowns his Character; he is a Peer of strict and remarkable JUSTICE; an excellent Pay-master, and a most accomplish'd Gentleman.

The Lord Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer of England: He has a Great and Noble Fortune, but it is chiefly so to him, because he has a Great and Noble Mind to imploy it to the best Uses; when POPERY invaded our establish'd Religion, he was one of those Noble Patriots that defended it with an upright Zeal: He understood our Constitution intively, and that made him the more hearty in asserting it upon all Occasions. He is a Statesman of a profound and orthodox Judgment (with an Happy COOL Temper) which deservedly gain'd him so great Reputation with all Loyal and Good Men. In the Publick Worship of God, he is a bright Example of solemn and unaffected Devotion; He is Great in all valuable Excellencies, not greater in any, than in his most condescending Goodness;

neis ; and (which crowns his Character) he performs all the *Duties and Relations of humane Life*, with sincere Piety.

The Polite and Noble Lord Halifax : ‘ I will not here pretend to give the World the Character of this GREAT PEER ; that wou’d be, as if an unskilful Hand thou’ presume to draw Sir Godfrey, and then present him with the Picture. Great Wits, and great Painters, are able to draw themselves ; he has done it for himself, so gloriously, by the extraordinary Graces, and particular Fire in his Poetry, that he who will not take him for a GREAT POET, by what he has said in King William’s Praïse, (if there can be so stupid a Wretch) will hardly believe it upon what I can declare ; and he who will not believe him a judicious Critick, upon his own Remarks, will hardly believe it upon mine.— Thus far the INGLINOUS MOTTEUX (in his Dedication to this Noble Wit, whilst he was one of the Lords Commissioners of King William’s Treasury) I shall add to his Character, his FANCY is brisk, and beautiful ; and his POEMS witness he knows how to soar to a Pitch of Transport and Extacy, when ever he pleases : So that those who read any of his Works, must be very intent, if some BEAUTY of Expression, or Stretch of Reason, don’t escape their Notice, among that Throng of Delicacies, which embellish his Productions. He is also well read in HUMANITY, and familiar with the Politer Branches of Literature, as *Morality, Oratory, &c.* so that the only Difficulty here is, which Faculty is his MASTER PEECE ; neither does the Softness and Harmony of his Soul, prejudice him against the KNOWLEDGE and Intricacies of the Schools ; and yet he is such a *Votary to Reason*, that he does disrelish the Notions of the ablest Philosphers, if inconsistent with the Measures of good Thinking ; yet all these STUDIES do not divert him from the Study of HIMSELF, he repeats this Lesson, with Constancy and Severity, as the Evenness and REGULARTY of his Conversation, does abundantly shew. To conclude his Character ; He is *Affable, Easy and Obliging, Candid*

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and Ingenious ; and all these Qualities are so well temper'd, that he is almost without PRESIDENT.

The Learned and Noble Lord Haversham ; His Penetration, and deep Knowledge in the Affairs of Europe (as appears by his Excellent SPEECHES) supply him with Expedients in those Intricacies, where most other Politicians are at a stand. He is a PATRIOT of a publick and discerning Spirit (was against passing the Occasional Bill) and asserts the Rights of the Church of England, without persecuting the Dissenters. He has about him all the TENDERNESS of Good Nature, as well as all the SOFTNESS of Friendship. He carries himself with wonderful Conduct and Loyalty ; and has a quick and generous Sense of the Miseries of Mankind.

The Charitable Earl of Thanet, He is made up of Compassion and Goodness (I cou'd name several Families he has kept from starving) and his whole Conduct may be safely follow'd, as the perfect Standard of Piety and Vertue.

The Grave Lord Paget, to do Justice, to the Merits of this ANCIENT PEER, is a Talk of more Weight than my Time will allow, or indeed my Abilities ; for to draw him to the Life, one must speak like him (that is, with all the Softness of the Fair Sex, and all the Fire of ours) when a TRAVELLER, like him, appears, all are inspir'd with Wonder and Delight,

The Noble Lord Wharton, He descended from a Pious and Ancient Family ; and being a true PATRIOT (and generous Man) is universally admir'd.

Sir Nathan Wright, Knight, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England ; He is deservedly advanced to the highest Pinnacle of STATE Perfections ; and his Conduct is so Wise and Loyal, as convinces the World, that 'tis only Religious and real Goodness, establishes Greatness. He knows, and deserves all the Respect due to his High Place ; but he does not suffer Empty Titles to puff him up, or permit Inequality of State to work Strangeness of Countenance. My only Brother
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He has an Honourable Post by his Recommendation, and his kind and generous to all his Relations; He was faithful to his Great Trust, when King William Reign'd, and as loyal to Queen Anne; and should his Countess call him, would refuse no Hazard, think much of no Change to preserve it. In a Word, he excels in every Grace. But his Great Humility is the most shining Character of all his Actions, and his large Charity the most useful.

*To be a Counselor in his aspect Reign;
To be just: nor midst his Honours, vain:
His Life's an equal Thread correctly spun;
Secure his Interest, when his Days are done.*

Sir John Holt, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of England; He is so impartial in his Administration of Justice, that we may call him a second Hales. He makes the Laws, and true Interest of England, the Standard and Measure of all his Actions: Where-ever he sits as Judge we behold Justice with her Sword and Ballance equally dividing, and impartially Weighing out the Rewards of Vertue, and Punishments of Vice: Poverty never excluding the Innocent, nor Power absolving the Guilty. His Eminent Piety, as well as his High Place, has never set him above Bribes, like the First Hales; he seems 'em venemous, tho' they come gilded over with the Colour of Gratitude: And as his Justice is done to all Offenders in his Hands are continually open to receive the Petitions of the meanest. To conclude his Character; he's exactly Honourable, Pious, and faithful to his Great Trust; and if ever that Character belongs to any Man, it does to his Lordship; That he lives universally belov'd; and when we see his eyes (he's such a publick Blessing) will be as generally lamented.

(a) Mr. Lake Dunton.

*The Sovereign Pow'r he poises in the Scale
With Common Rights; nor that, nor these prevail;
He frowns on Vice on Vertue casts a Smile,
And Albion now turns a Reforming isle.*

*The Valliant Sir George Rook; He is Admiral in Chief
of her Majesty's Fleet; and if all under him do but
follow their Leader, they need do no more. How many
Valliant Seamen does such a Good good Copy
make? The late Victory at Sea, was wholly owing to
his Conduct and Valour. The Cannons which he directed
his Fleet, cou'd not move his Courage. And what
Wonders did he do at Gibraltar? 'Twas here he achiev'd
bright Fame with the Roaring Cannon.*

*See! See! The Volleys! Hark! The Cannons roar,
And stop his dreadful Passage to the Shore!
Yet midst the Hostile Noise, the Power attends,
Amidst their Flying Squadrons he ascends,
And now like Light'ning, all their breaking Ranks be-
rends.*

Chear Ho! Seamen! Clap on more Sail, and never fear, for you carry *ROOK* (a braver Man than *Cæsar*) in the Boat, ... In a Word; our George is patient of all Hardships and Fatigues; if he mayn't be kill'd, rather to ENJOY than endure 'em. He knows his Buſines at SEA, is not so much to eat as to fight: 'Tis not Money, but Honour he ventures his Life for; and who ever considers his Mathe's Bevery, in the late Victory at Sea, will call him the INVINCIBLE ADMIRAL.

Robert Harley Esq; His Merit is greater than his Fortune, tho' Fortune has partly recompens'd the Merit of War, her stronger Enemy, to her, by the Honourable Post she has judiciously confer'd upon him; he's both Principal Secretary of State, and Speaker of the Honourable House of Commons. In this High Place, he's the same good Man that he ever was: The Honour which he has receiv'd from the Queen and Parliament, has made

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made no Alteration in his former Engaging Temper and Carriage. He is still as free, and as affable to his meaner Friends, as he was before, whereas we daily see many Persons, whom a little Honour, or Advancement, changes from all the good Qualities they once possess'd, to Loftiness and Pride; and tho' this may not cause them to lose some outward Civilities from those that are dazzl'd with their *Shining Grandeur*; yet they do thereby lose all that Reverence and Esteem in the Minds of Men, which otherwise they might expect; but this Worthy Patriot never forgets the Duties of his High Place, the Tyes of Friendship, or the Practice of Generosity. He knows the Constitution of the Government, in which he lives; and knows that it has intrusted him with a High Station, on purpose to trim the Vessel of the Commonwealth: If Prerogative swaggs too far on the one side, to step over to Property. if that shou'd be troublesome, to lean again to the other; and by his Great Prudence and Moderation, to keep all things steady and even: But tho' his HONOUR comes to his High Places, with this long Train of Vertues, and with a Purpose of doing good to all (*I'll not except the Dissenters themselves*) yet he must expect, that his High Preferment, will contract an Envy upon him, from Jacobites and Papists, whose dim Eyes cannot see, or whose canker'd Spirits will not weigh his Zeal for the Church, and State, in a Righteous Scale. *The Hill of Honour is dangerously trod, tho' by never so fair and meritorious Feet*; and envious Men hate to acknowledge a Worth beyond their own; the Promotion that falls not on their own Heads, grieves their Hearts, and is spoken against; but sure his Honour is an Exception from this Rule; for if ever any Minister of State had every Bodies good Word, 'tis Mr. Secretary Harley.

Sir Thomas Littleton, Knight and Bar. His Person is of the Middle Size; his Temper even and agreeable: He loves Religion, but he hates extreams. His Piety and Devotion is unaffected, and yet as remarkable as his Love to the Church of England. He was formerly Speaker of the House of Commons, and is in the Parlia-

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ment House, a True *English-man*.—Still the same; you know where he will be; for the Good of his Country being always in his Eye, he never moves. He is a strenuous Asserter and Defender of his Country's Religion and Rights, against all Opposers and that in a lawful and Parliamentary Method: being a Person of great Judgment; he is free from Faction, and Noise, and Anger; and is a true Lover of his Queen and Country.

*Fair Albions Senate, once a list'ning Throng,
Confess'd the wondrous Beauties of his Tongue:
His Countrey's Patriot, and the Land's Defence;
For this, as well as that, shares the same Influence.*

Sir Henry Ashurst, Knight and Bar. He is blest with an inquisitive Genius, a Noble Freedom of Thought, and a generous Love of Truth; his publick Spirit, and shining Vertues, are too conspicuous to be conceal'd from general Observation, and his Charity is not confin'd to Sect and Parties.

The Right Honourable John How Esq; He is advanc'd to the Honour of a Privy Counsellor, and is (deservedly) FAM'D for his Wit and Loyalty. He agrees (to a Hair) with the Doctrine of the Church of England and conforms to all her Rites and Ceremonies; and yet his Zeal for the Church (whatever the Dissenters may say of it) has nothing of Frenzy, or Passion in it. He speaks FINE Things in the House of Commons, dress'd up in a clean and charming Vehicle; and his Knowledge is of so large an Extent, that if it were not for the Variety of Vouchers I should be afraid to say all I have heard. In a word he's a Complete Gentleman, and discharges his High Post with Great Justice, Honour and Conscience.

Sir Humphry Mackworth; He is a True Son of the Church, as appears by his Learned Writings, and his ZEAL against the *Popish* *Conjuration*, has made his Name to all *True Protestants*. He is a Man of a Clear Head, and a Great Ornament to the House of Commons. In most things, he is a pattern worthy to be imitated;

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ted; and in many Things it will be difficult, for most I know to resemble him. His Conversation is Frank, as if he had nothing else to recommend him, and as *Pleasant and Innocent, as you can suppose an Angel's*. He always expresses a great deal of Modesty and Humility in his Carriage and Conduct; and his *Charity* is very remarkable. *Censoriousness*, and speaking Ill of Persons, or believing easily, any bad Reports of others, are *Vices* he has a great Aversion to. *Loyalty and Kindness, are his peculiar Virtues*. The Pleasures and Vanities of the World, are his Burthen rather than Objects of his Desires; and in the midst of *Temporal Honours, and Plenty*, he preserves a Mind mortified to these Impertinencies.

Sir Edward Seymour; He is the STANDARD of Wit, and Loyalty. He has considered, exactly, *The Beauties and true Myserie of Style*; and when he speaks in the House of Commons (tis with so much Reason and Eloquence) he is listened to as an ORACLE. His Sentences never run a Man out of Breath, but are short, and clear, and when ever he speaks to the House, he says no more than is just necessary to convey the Ideas of things with *Force and Evidence*; so that his Audience is always well entertain'd, and surpriz'd with something New, and out of the *beaten Road*. This Learned Patriot, was lately COMPTROLLER of her Majesty's Household; but the Pomp of Greatness, Attendance upon Courts, and a high Station, had something in 'em, contrary to his *Humble Genius*. To conclude: His Life shin'd in every Part (*both publick and private*) his Character is unblemish'd, and his Virtue too Bright and Exemplary to be sold by any ordinary Artifice.

Sir Thomas Roberts; He is a Patriot that pays a Deference, and Respect, to all that bear the Image of Christ, whatever Denomination soever they pass; and has a most particular Zeal ag. inst all Severities, and Persecutions upon the Account of Religion. The Lords In particular, he sanctifies, by shewing a good Example at Church, and taking Care at Home, that his Family be employ'd in hearing and understanding things which

which belong to the everlasting Peace. The *Holy Sacrament*, of the Eucharist, he has learnt to prize at a very great Rate; and his Preparations for it, by *Fasting and Prayer, and Holy Exercises*, the Week before, are such, that he convinces those about him, that receiving worthily, is a Thing of the highest Consequence. *Great Prudence and Discretion*, also appears in the Management of his secular Affairs. He always keeps within the Compass that his Estate will bear, and (*when chosen a Member of Parliament*) he serves his Country with *Great Fidelity*.

Sir St. Andrew St. John; He is an exact Pattern of true Piety, Learning and Moderation; 'tis in his Family, wherein, not an Oath, nor a prophane Jest can be heard, where Sobriety is habitual; where Vertue and Religion Triumph, and the Worship of God is daily and devoutly perform'd.

The Generous Sir Owen Buckingham (the present Lord Mayor of London) the Inhabitant of his Beautiful Fabrick, is a Soul that far excels it (like a Fair Inteligence in a Glorious Planet) it informs, and directs, each Organ, to the exact Performance of their proper Functions; and which crowns the rest, *Sir Owen*, is indu'd with moderate Principles, a Dilcerning Judgment; and is a true Friend to *English Liberties*.

Sir William Humphries (our New Sheriff) he was my opposite Neighbour, for many Years; and I can say, of my own Knowledge, he is a Person of a generous and open Temper, an easie and free Conversation, a Constant and Devout Church-man, and Master of the Art of Obliging.

William Fazakerley Esq; The present Chamberlain of the City of London. I confess, I never did, nor never shall, Vote for any Man, to this Honourable Post; but *the Loyal and Ingenious Dockwra*; for I think the Citizens of London are oblig'd (in Gratitude) to take all Opportunities to reward Mr. Dockwra's chargeable and useful Invention of the *Penny Post*; but being the Choice of Chamberlain, has fallen on Mr. *Fazakerley*; I shall do him that Justice, to say they cou'd not fix

(Mr. Dockwra excepted) on a fitter Man ; for Mr. Fazzakerley is a Citizen of great Experience and Honesty ; and is so *Impartial* in Hearing the Complaints, both of Master and Servant, that he (generally) gives Sentence to both their Content ; one wou'd think, by the winning Terms our Chamberlain uses (to quiet Domestic Feuds) that he was able to *reconcile Antipathies* ; and sure I am, *Little-Ease* is a fit Place for that Prentice (or Master either) that won't follow his good *Advice*.

Sir *Salathiel Lovel*, Recorder of London, his *Impartial Charge to the London Juries*, shews his great respect to Justice, and the Laws of the Land, and his Religion is all of a Piece ; for he is strictly Just, as well as sincerely Devout : He distributes his Favours (both to Churchmen and Dissenters) with so equal Hands, that Justice her self, cou'd not have held the Scales more even ; and with a Natural Propensity to do Good : And he is thus Devout, Just, and Bountiful, from a Principle of Conscience ; choosing rather to be Good, than Great.

Alderman Clayton ; He is a Rich and Eminent Citizen, (and upon the Account of his Great Age may be call'd *The Father of the City*) yet the Height of his Condition does not exalt his Mind. His Devotion in his Closet and Family, is constant, Uniform and Regular ; and he is very much for Unity and Peace, in the Church ; but his Opinion is, that they might be preserv'd by a mutual Forbearance, in Matters of Ceremony, without a Rigid Imposition of them ; for he knows 'tis equally superstitious to shew too much Zeal, either for, or against them.

Alderman Stamp ; He is a Loyal Subject, and True English-man ; he endeavours to encourage Piety and Vertue, and to oppose, and Discountenance all Vice and Wickedness. His Beneficence, and his Alms, are of the same Piece with his Piety. He is a true Friend to Mankind, and a Benefactor to the Humane Nature.

Alderman Aylmer ; He is a Man of a brave and generous Soul ; a true Lover of his Country (I had the Honour to dine at his Table, when he was Lord Mayor)
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and I cou'd not imagine any good Quality that is requisite to the Accomplishment of a Gentleman, which was not conspicuous in him.

Alderman Lane ; He is sincere in his Piety, pleasant in his Conversation, and a Faithful Magistrate.

Alderman Abney ; He as a most accomplisht Citizen (a Man of Universal Charity) nor has any Lord Mayor, these Fifty Years, kept a more Generous and Noble Mayoralty.

Alderman Hubbon ; None of his Actions carry any Symptom of Vanity ; and he is so nobly free in his whole Conduct, that he is admir'd of all Parties.

Alderman Levit, He is a great Encourager of the Reformation, an humble Man, and a finish'd Citizen.

Alderman Heathcot ; He is a Person of as known Prudence as Integrity ; a good Christian, a compleat Citizen, a wise Alderman, and a zealous Church of England Man ; and all that know him, must own he is very much a Gentleman ; neither is he less remarkable for his great Zeal, to suppress Debauchery, and for his noble Favours to the Sons of the Muses ; which (tho' the most unworthy) I am able to testify from my own Experience. It further hightens his Character, that he's no Bigot to any Party ; he loves and respects his Fellow Citizens (not as Church Men, Presbyterians, Independants) but as honest Men ; and for those Hot-Heads that think otherwise, they can be no Friends to a Good Magistrate, or their Native Country.

*Unblemish'd is his Life, as Lights pure Beams,
Dispassionate, nor ruffled, in Extremis :
Our Hopes begin to bloom, we bless the Day
That cloath'd his Merit with a Patriot's Sway.*

To these LAY Characters, I might add some that move in a lower Orb ; as the Ingenious and Courteous *Arnold* ——— *ORTHODOX* and modest Rhymes ——— *ATHENIAN Mills* ——— *Un-Riveted Dr. Milbourn* ———

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Roger Clavel, his Passions are so moderate, Fame and Glory can't exult him, nor unjust Censure deject him; and if he leaves his Trade (for a Country Life) 'tis that he may get to Heaven with less Interruption.

Mrs. Anne Annesley; She was the First (and happy) Occasion of my being acquainted with Dear Iris, and therefore to drop her Pious Character, wou'd be ungrateful: She's a *WIT*, for certain; and (however *TIME* may have dealt by her) when I first beheld her, I thought Art never feign'd, nor Nature form'd, a *FINER* Woman.

Mr. Arwaker; 'Tis here we see the highest Pitch of perfect Wit; but to know his Character, read his matchless Poem, Entituled *Queen Mary's Ghost*.

Industrious and Thriving (John) Marshal; a Man conscientious in his Dealings, and a Punctual Observer of his Word; and for that Reason, I heartily wish him success, in his *New Purchase of the Western Martyrology*.

Mrs. Bingham: All her Expressions, both from her Tongue and Pen, run smooth, and rational, solid, clear and genuine; and 'tis impossible, that any thing which is not so, shou'd fall from her: She is able to calculate Nativities; and can,—&c. but 'tis Character enough to say she is—*NANCY'S FRIEND*.

Genteel Berworth, his Garb and Gesture, is free and natural, and his Eyes sparkle like any thing.

Ingenuous Ward (the Famous Author of the *London Spies*) he was truly born a Poet, not made, not form'd by Industry, and (which is a great Service to a Man that follows the *CALLING* of an Author) his Muse is never subject to the Curse of bringing forth with Pain; for he writ that famous Poem (*The Repenting Harlot*) in a few Days, and he writes with the greatest Ease. He is a Man of a peculiar Style, and his Works are in great Esteem.

Dearest Blanchard; she has Sweetness and good Nature in her Air, and Words; and if this Age has produced a perfect Ingenium; 'tis Mrs. Blanchard.

Mrs. Anne Annesley, she oblig'd me with being a Guest at her late Wedding; and once thought me her Friend

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Friend (a) but (as is usual in such Cases) my *Misfortunes* have given a *New Air* to my Face, and I don't find she continues to know me : However (she was *Iris BELOVED* Sister, and) I'll give her a true Character ; she's a *Virgin of Eminent Piety*. Good Books (and above all, the *Book of Books*) are her sweetest Entertainment ; and she finds more Comfort there, than others do in their *Dressing Room*, or *Wardrobe*. In a Word ; she keeps a constant Watch over the Frame of her *Soul*, and the *Course* of her *Actions*, by daily and strict Examination of both.

The *Loyal and Ingenious Tutchin* (alias *Master Observator*) the bold Efforter of *English Liberties*. The *Scourge* of the *High Flyers*. The *Seaman's Advocate*. The *Detector* of the *Victualling-Office*. The *Scorn* and *Terror* of *Fools and Knaves*. The *Nations A R-GUS*, and the *Queens Faithful Subject* : He writes with the *Air* of a *Gentleman*, and *Sincerity* of a *Christian* ; and I'd *TOWEL* him my self (or make his *Country-man* do it) if I did not think him an *Honest Man*.

Nathaniel (alias *Bunyan*) *Ponder* ; He has *Sweetness* and *Enterprize*, in his *Air*, which plead, and anticipate, in his *Favour*.

Affable Wiggins ; His *Conversation* is general, but never *Impertinent*.

Precise West, a *Man* (once) of more *Money* than *Brains*, but (now) a *Slave* to the *World*. He was in *Wicked Halt* (i.e. he sued out his *Indentures*) to get from under the *Beck* of his very kind, and honest *Master*, *Mr. Samuel Mims* ; and here we see what a *SAINT* he is, and to what fine *Purpose* he acts the *Master*, that won't obey when he is a *Servant*.

Madam Seaton ; Her *Air* was charming and sweet, and (being my first *Mistress*) I thought her an *Angel* in *Flesh* and *Blood*.

(a) As appears by the Letters she sent to me to Tunbridge and Dublin.

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Mrs. *Bishop* she's a Person of a free and generous Temper; and might she have acted *Her self*, wou'd have been as grateful as I cou'd ha' wish't,

The Kind and Golden *Venables*; He's so good a Man, and so truly charitable: He that will write of him, must still write more.

Mr. *Neill Simmons*'s; He was very generous to his Learned Author (Mr. *Richard Baxter*) and a Bookeller of great Piety; His Charity was extensive, tho' manag'd with the Greatest Secrecy. His Conjugal Affection (as well as his Sons (a)) was very exemplary; and tho' it must be own'd, that with all this Stock of Virtue, he was subject to Inadvertencies and Infirmities; but they were not cherish'd or allow'd of, but still encounter'd and oppos'd, with Antidotes of Repentance and Watchfulness; so that his Life was useful, and the Loss of it was justly Lamented.

ACCOMPLISH'D HARDESTY.

*Big with important Sense, her ev'ry Line,
Speaks her a Norris, or an Old Divine.*

Mr. *A.* ——— He is a second *West*, for sueing out his Indentures, and (being BIG of himself) I suppose will act the Matter to as much purpose.

The Ingenious and Pious *Godfrey*; *Iris* lov'd her entirely, and she deserv'd all her Friendship. She devoted to Heaven, the First, and the best Part of her Time: She embrac'd Religion, when its Professors were persecuted and imprison'd. She had Ill Treatment from some of her near Kinred, but was still happy in the constant Friendship of Mrs. *Finley*. Mrs. *Godfrey* liv'd with me several Years, and I always observ'd in her, a cheerful and contented Spirit, under all Events, and a most undissembled Piety; and as she liv'd a virtuous Life (and indeed the Wonder of this present Age) so she reserv'd nothing to do for a dying Bed, but quietly expir'd in the arms of *Iris* (her Dear Friend) with a devout Resignation of her Soul to Almighty God. Dr. *Andewey* preach'd her Funeral Sermon, and

(a) *Whose Character you have in P. 302.*

she was decently interr'd (as she had desir'd of me) in the New Burying-Place.

Witty (alias Sylvester) Dancer, a Man bless'd with a Retentive Memory, and happy Fancy.

Mr. Richard Bateman : He's an Eminent Surgeon, and Son to that Famous *Bateman*, who dyed a Martyr for the Protestant Religion. He is Devout, yet void of Superstition, strict without ill Humour, and the Spleen. He is good natur'd, without Weakness; chearful without Levity, and regular without Affectation.

The Generous and Courteous Goodall ; I call her so, as she had a Hand in my 2d Marriage ; and wou'd go a Thousands Miles to make *Valeria*, or me, Happy.

I might say the same of that pleasant Virgin, *Mrs. Mary Oxton* ; Her Aspect is compos'd of Mirth and Modesty ; and for her Zeal (to get me a good Wife) I heartily wish her a kind Husband.

Mr. Bury, my Old Neighbour, in *Red-Cross-street* ; He's a plain, honest Man ; sells the best Coffee in all the Neighbourhood ; and lives in this World like a spiritual Stranger, and Pilgrim, in a Foreign Country.

Anabaptist (alias Elephant) Smith : He was a Man of great Sincerity, and happy Contentment, in all Circumstances of Life.

Mr. Trent : He has been my Dear and Intimate Friend, for Twenty Years ; and I can warrant this for his true Character : *Mr. Trent* is a very Ingenious, Bookish Man ; abhors the Poms and Vanities of this Life ; and is neither possess'd of the Spirit of the World ; nor conform'd to it in Judgment, Affection or Conversation.

Madam Fromantle, (my Sister, before her Advancement) She is the only Person I ever knew, whom an Estate made more humble, and condescending : Her Life is one continued Act of Tenderness, WIT, and Piety.

Justice Oneby : He has bin a Pious, Temperate Man, all his Days ; and tho' he is now in his 80th Year, he looks as Young and Hearty as a Man of 50. He is justly admir'd for his Impartial Justice (and great Moderation) to all Persons : I think it a special Blessing,

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that I have the Honour of his Acquaintance, and I wish I may tread in his Pious Steps ; for he labours after Conformity to his suffering Lord, in a Spirit and Life of true Mortification ; and enjoys such Communion, with him, as works his Heart to a happy Relish of a mortified State. I might enlarge in this Gentleman's Character, for 'tis (only) here the Flatterer never lyeth.

Mr. Garthwait. He is a meek and humble Man, in his Family ; and in his Publick Devotion, there appears that Gravity, and Seriousness, and Attention, that it is easie to perceive his Soul is affected with the Service.

Mr. Herbert Jones, Senior. The Life of this worthy Gentleman has been a various Scene, compos'd of *brighter and more melancholly Hours*: He's very happy in all his Children (and perhaps the World has not known a more *Ingenious Woman*, than his Daughter *Kenswel*) and he is no less happy in himself ; for he is a Man of a Noble Spirit ; and 'tis pittie but his *Princely House at Monmouth*, shou'd be continued in his Family, to the End of Time.

Age: Belland: He was a Faithful Servant to Dr. *Annesley*, to the Day of his Death ; and I never knew a more humble Man, or a better Christian.

Mr. King : He succeeded me in my Shop, in the *Poultry* : He is a serious, well-grounded Christian. He makes as much Conscience in receiving of Good, as he does in doing of Good, and for his *Trading in the World* (wherein God hath blest him) I have observ'd (*while he continued my Tenant*) how punctual, how just, and how Impartial he wou'd be, even to the *Dust of the Ballance* ; a great Ornament to his Christian Profession.

Mr. Benjamin Harvey : He was born in the Town (where my Father was Minister) and I shall always covet his Friendship, for he's a generous good Man ; never flights an Old Acquaintance, *because he's Unfortunate*, and all his *Actions are perfectly devoted to Religion and Vertue.*

Madam Hacker : She was a kind and tender Mother-
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in-Law, to my Brother *Lake Dunton*, and the most Generous Friend that he ever had; neither was he less happy in a Kind and Vertuous Wife: And I must say (*both of Mother and Daughter*) that their WHOLE LIFE is a Study to dye well.

Mr. Durant, a Linnen-Draper, in Cheapside: I came first acquainted with him at *Tunbridge-Wells*, and thought my self very happy in his Conversation: He's a Modest, Humble, Religious Man; does not judge by Factions or Parties, but is *Universal* in his Duty, as well as Spiritual.

Cousin Tylour: She was a tender and constant Friend; to my Dear *Iris*; she attended, and help'd her in her Forty Weeks Illness, with indefatigable Zeal, and Diligence, and Love; and to her, next to me, she used most freely to communicate her Thoughts; she *mourn'd with her, when she mourn'd, and for several Weeks, seem'd to wake with her, when she waked*; being at all Hours of the Night, not only within Call, but even to a Wonder, as it were actually ready to assist her; and therefore, tho' some have been so *ungrateful*; to forget her Love and Care of their tender *Mother*: I shall ever acknowledge her Affection to *Iris*, as 'twas both tender and durable; and tho' I am not *huge fond of Life*, yet I pray God I may live so long, as to be able to REQUITE her Kindness.

Sister Sudbury: I call her so, as she is the only Sister I have in the World, (either by Affinity or Consanguinity) that has a Soul BRAVE enough to own a Friend in Adversity: 'Tis true, some others will give me a kind NOD; but *the Grateful Sudbury* treats me as if I were still RICH, (*like the Glow-Worm, the Emblem of true Friendship*) She has still shin'd to me in the Dark; and I here take Occasion to tell her, that her *Generous Treatment* has oblig'd a Person that knows how to be Grateful (*and will be so*) when Opportunity offers.

Mr. Joanna Milner: I shan't flourish on her outward Form, *her Face and Shape* (tho' these are not without their CHARMS) but I shall speak of her INWARD BEAUTY. This (to use the Words of a late

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late Writer) is too great to be confin'd in her own Breast; it adorns her, and comforts others; she is not like those who have great Vertues, and great Vices too, but she distinguishes her self from all others, by an unaffected Sweetness and Piety; all her Actions are like the Smiles of sleeping Infants, without Disguise or Art. And as to her VOICE, 'tis so excell'g all those I ever heard, that I am at a Loss, for Words to describe it; being (only) able to say, 'tis superlatively FINE. In a Word, she's a very ingenious HONEST Virgin; and tho' she has had her Troubles, has more Wit, and Manners, in her little Finger, than her Sitter H — has in her whole Body.

Honest and Courteous Luntley; but a little too Innocent for some Men; for Luntley asking Advice, about a SOCINIAN Book, he was meerly Trick'd out of the Copy, by the very Loon that dissuaded him from it.

There are other LAY Persons that I (either forget, or) reserve for the 2d Part of my Life,

I wou'd next insert (wou'd my Room allow it) a very particular Account of the Lives and Characters of several PIOUS, LEARNED, and CHARITABLE Prelates: As,

Dr. Tenison, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury: We have Excellent, both Doctrine and Worship; and as good a Class of Bishops and Clergy, as any Church under the Heavens; of this, the present Archbishop of Canterbury is an Eminent Instance. If we search into his Life and Character, we shall find it an exact Pattern of True Piety, Learning and Moderation. 'Tis not his being my LORD, or his GRACE, has chang'd his Temper, for (contrary to mean Spirits) his Honour and Learning has made him the more humble. He is the Great Light of the Church of England, and may justly be call'd VENERABLE. 'Twas this conspicuous Piety and Learning, that so soon rais'd our Bishop from a Private Pott, to be Minister of St. Martyns (where he erected a School, and Library, at his own Charges, which was a Useful and Noble Charity.) That sent him from thence, to be Bishop of Lincoln, and afterwards made him Archbishop of Canterbury;

Canterbury, where he guides his high Orb, with admirable Address and Dexterity; dispensing the Influence of his OWN EXAMPLE, to direct the Steps of the Inferiour Clergy, in the ways of Truth and Devotion.

Dr. Sharp, Lord Archbishop of York. Where shall I begin? When so many things present themselves, it's hard reducing them into Order; when such a Variety of great Things meet, it's not easie to judge, which most contributes to his just Character. Those who (*like Archbishop Sharp*) are rais'd upon Virtue, are durable and permanent; others may shine sooner, but these surer, and longer; *Those are as blazing Meteors, these as fixed Stars.* I shall first speak of him (*in a lower Orb*) as Minister of St. Giles's; here his Labours were unwearied, and such Efficacy accompany the Word preach'd (and his UNEXAMPLED Eloquence) that St. Giles's was greatly Reform'd. But King William hearing how useful he was in the Church; we must prepare to meet him in a HIGHER SPHERE; and the next Preferment he bestow'd upon him, was the *Archbishoprick* of York; and here we find him acting suitably to the Toil, and GREATNESS, of that large Diocesis he is call'd to preside over.

Dr. Thomas Sprat, Lord Bishop of Rochester: He is consummate in all sorts of Piety and Learning; is a great Master of the *English* Tongue, and may deservedly be call'd the Universal Schollar; witness his matchless *History of the Royal Society*: And his other Works, which have supported their first Character, to this Day; they have flourish'd into Reputation, by the Length of their Date; and like Wine, improv'd with Age; they never grow Stale upon our Hands, nor like your ordinary Coin, which may go to Day, and to Morrow be call'd in; but like Gold, by Weight, which is eternally current.

Dr. Gilbert Burnet, Lord Bishop of Sarum: Men had need be very Good, and very Wise, that lead others; both which may be said of the Bishop of *Salisbury*. This Generous Prelate is *Rich in Good Works,*
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And does as willingly seek out Objects of his Charity, as others do avoid 'em. He is croud'd by the Poor, as a *Common Father*. He delivers his Sermons with a great deal of Zeal and Action; and whether he unfolds the deeper Mysteries of Divinity, or Matters of Controversy; there is something so moving, in 'em all that makes Conquests of his Hearers; so that they are never weary of the Subject, nor over-jaded with Listening. His printed Works (*especially his History of Reformation*) have done great Service to the Church of *England*; yet Men, that are too warm and furious, in their Temper, have endeavour'd to represent him, under all the Colours of Disadvantage, as tho' he was disaffected, and wanted a just Zeal for the Church; because he treats the Dissenters with due Moderation. These Hot Spurs, are a little mistaken in their Scheme of Ecclesiastical Policy; they think Men may be frown'd into Reason and Principle; and that Inhumanity is an Argument for Conviction: Bishop *Burnet* has studied History, and Humane Nature, to better purpose; and his great Charity, Moderation and Learning, has made him a publick Blessing.

Dr. *Simon Patrick*, Lord Bishop of *Ely*: He has read a vast deal in the Scriptures, and has gone very nicely through the whole Controversies of Religion; and that he is a True Matter in the whole Body of Divinity, all will own, that read his *Parable of the Pilgrim*, his *Christian Sacrifice*; and the rest of his Pious Writings which were a SECOND to his Practice: The *First Edition* of 'em, was in his own Breast. He wears not his Religion as he does his LAWN SLEEVES, as an *extempore* Dignity, but in all the Conditions, and Changes of Life; 'twas incorporated, and wrought into the Threads of his Actions: He performs the Offices of PIETY, with as much Ease, and Cheerfulness, as if they had been ripen'd into Instinct and Nature, in him; it runs through all the Circumstances of his Conduct, and diffuses it self through all the Scenes and Branches of his Converse. In a Word, He is deservedly call'd the *Preaching Bishop*; and were all others like him, in that respect, the Dissenters wou'd

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wou'd have no Colour to complain, that *these Bishops Sermonize so seldom*; for every one of his Days, is a Sermon in Effect, and he is ripe for Heaven.

Dr. *Edward Fowler*, Lord Bishop of *Glocester*: He has the Affection, as well as the Title of a Father; tender and mild, and compassionate, even to those that are disobedient; like those of Old, worthy of double Honour; and which greatly enhances his Character, he was (in the worst of Times) a profess'd Enemy to Persecution. Had this Prelate liv'd, in the Primitive Times, he had been one of the Eminent Fathers of that Age; and (they that consider his great Piety, Learning and Moderation, readily own) he is a great Honour to the present Hierarchy.

Dr. *Beveridge*, Lord Bishop of *St. Asaph*: He is but a young Bishop, tho' an Ancient and Learned Man; his *Inherent Greatness*, wanted no outward Accessions, and (all) the Preferment he was ambitious of, was to go from his Flock in *Cornhill*, unto the Shepherd, and Bishop of Souls. His Excellent Sermon on the *Common-Prayer*, and New Exposition of the *Church Catechism*, shews that we have in this Learned Prelate; the very Spirits of *Devotion*, and *Church Ceremonies*, like the Beams of the Sun (in a burning Glass) collected into one Point (I mean into one Bishop) by whole Rayes of Goodness, and Learning, we may warm and refresh our selves.

Dr. *John Hall*, Lord Bishop of *Bristol*: He has attain'd to great Eminency of Learning and Moderation, and is an Ornament to the Church of *England*. His Charity to those that are in Want, and his Bounty to all Learned Men, that are put to wrestle with Difficulties, are so very extraordinary, and so many do partake of them, that I need not enlarge in his Character; for 'tis acknowledg'd, by all, that the whole Business of his Life, is to feed that Flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made him Overseer.

Dr. *Richard Kidder* (late) Lord Bishop of *Bath and Wells*: This Prelate, before he arriv'd to his Dignity, was afraid, rather than ambitious, of so dangerous

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rous an Honour; so far from wid'ning Old Wounds, that (had he surviv'd the STORM) he'd ha' been willing (at the Price of his Blood) to repair the Breaches of past Ages; but shall we own that he died, suddenly, when his whole Life (*both before, and since, his Advancement*) was a serious Preparation for Death.

Dr. John Hough, Lord Bishop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*: He is furnish'd with a large Stock of Learning and Piety. He has turn'd over the Fathers, with great Curiosity and Pains; and paid a venerable Respect to their Ashes; and as he is a Prelate of Remarkable Piety and Learning, so he is a Hero of Great Temper and Courage; this was seen in his resolute Defending the Rights of *Magdalen Colledge*; for this Noble Service, he is (justly) rewarded with the SEE of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*: Those whose Actions are Eminently Pious and Brave, will, like this (Worthy Champion) be Eminent in Place and Person.

Dr. John Williams, Lord Bishop of *Chichester*: This Pious and Learned Prelate, was formerly Rector of *St. Mildred's Poultry*; where I had the Happiness to be personally known to him; and I have had the Honour to wait on his Lordship, since his (deserv'd) Advancement; I call it *deserv'd*, as Bishop *Williams* was one, whom no Friends, but his own Merits; no Party, but that of Virtue; no mean Adulation, but solid Worth, and distinguishing Goodness, rais'd to that Place; and this Advancement was with so uncontested a Desert, that 'twou'd have argu'd Negligence in King *William*, (whose Care, was to promote Men of his moderate Principles) to have suffer'd his Continuing among the Crowd of the World——And may his Lordship go on, as he has begun, to preside over his Province, with a Gravity of Admonition, Exemplariness of Conversation, and Integrity of Discipline, 'till the Great Bishop of Souls, shall remove him from his Palace at *Chichester*, to the *New Jerusalem*.

To these Prelates, I wou'd add (*had I Room for it*) the Lives and Characters of those FAMOUS DIVINES of the Church of England.

Sir *William Dawes*, D. D. While he was yet in the Molding, he hit naturally on the true Method of Study, and contracted Friendship with Great Men, which contriluted to the Perfection of his Mind, and were prophetick Symptoms of his Future Eminence; but that which FINISH'D this Great Man, and gave him the last Polishing, was his serious, and nice Study of the SACRED SCRIPTURES: This I gather from that Great Vein of *Piety and Devotion*, which runs through all his Writings; they (as well as his Conversation) favour of the Primitive Simplicity and Zeal, and are well fitted to make Men serious and devout.

Dean *Sherlock*: His not taking the Oath to King *William*, at first, and doing it afterwards, is such a Depth (in Religion and Politicks) I cou'd never fathom. But I shall drop this *Mystery*, to speak of this GREAT LIGHT, so far as I can see by it. He has cut out a New Method for himself, which is model'd to edifie and please. He has advanc'd Notions about the TRINITY, &c. which *Oxford* will never relish; and [his *Discourse of the Knowledge of Christ*] has been often answered by the Nonconformists: I won't pretend to determine who is most in the Right, for all must own Dean *Sherlock's* Compass of Learning is very large; His Judgment, correct and clear, and he preaches in good Earnest. His present Seat is very commodious for Speculation and Thought; and I suppose 'twas here he laid the PLAN of his excellent Discourse of DEATH (of which there has been 14 Editions) and other Pieces which are adjusted with Extream NICETY, to the various Circumstances of a Christian Life.

Dr. *South*: He is, perhaps, the finest Orator we have in *England*; and his Mind is constantly employ'd on the Less Objects. He has compos'd a wonderful Variety of CURIOUS SERMONS (publish'd in Two Volumes) on such Subjects as are most important: He can practice a *Metaphysical Niceness*, in the most subtle Points of Divinity; but he knows how to condescend to ordinary Capacities, what he has writ on
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the TRINITY, &c. is not too Philosophical for common Readers. He knows the fine Spirit Notions of PERSONALITY, cannot possibly lead a Man through the Mystery. To conclude his Character; *His Wit and Learning is invincible*: But I won't enlarge; for his *Victorious Controversy* with Dr. Sherlock, has eterniz'd his Fame.

Dr. Stanhope: He is naturally form'd to convey the milder Messages of Peace and Grace: the very Genius of his stile is fine and soft, and has more of the PERSWASIVE than the TERRIBLE. He is a Grave and Substantial Preacher, yet has Gayety enough to make his Discourses shine. He gives 'em all a sparkling Air of Politeness, and a peculiar Turn of Harmony to please the Palate of the Curious. He also makes 'em moving and Divine, to gratifie the Devout. His *Translations* are fine, and matchless; and he calculates his Writings for all sorts of Readers: They are contriv'd like common Air, both for Courtier and Peasant.

Dr. Fleetwood: His Life is a fair Transcript of our Saviour's Example; and only lost so much in the Remove, as the Disadvantage of Humanity, and Hereditary Bias necessarily ask, the Original Copy suffer'd only so much in the Translation, as might bring it down to a LEVEL for our Imitation; it has no more Shade and Blemish in it, than is necessary to Proportion it to our Faculties, and make it an *Object of our View*; more LIGHT wou'd have o'erpower'd our weak Organs, we cou'd not have drawn after it—Or in plainer *English*, Dr. Fleetwood is a most Pious, Learned, and Humble Man, and comes the nearest to Perfection, in his PREACHING, of any Minister that I ever heard.

Dr. Wake: He was formerly Minister of *Graves-Inn*, but his Eminent Piety and Learning, has lately rais'd him to higher Preferment. He devotes himself to Preaching, and Divine Meditations; and he excels in Experimental Divinity.

Dr. Nichol: He esteems Controversy, as an useless Province, and constantly ill-natur'd, and ungentle; I guess this is the Reason he chuses to shew us The

Vanity of the World, in practical Books. He is highly oblig'd to the Contrivance of Nature, for the peculiar Turn of his Constitution: I might dwell upon this Character; for the Charms of his Pen, and the blameless Measures of his Conversation, gain him the Love of his Hearers, and a true Veneration from all that know him.

Dr. *Edwards*: *THE PREACHER* (he lately publish'd) is no more than a Copy of his own Practice. He is a great Critick in the Languages; a Famous Textuary, and a practical Divine. The great Learning he is Master of, gives him to understand, that *NOTION* was never able to furnish out his Happiness; and therefore he seeks it by *Vertue and Ho; Living*; and certainly, after all our Pursuits, we must recur to this, as the only *MEAN* to Felicity. *Vertue is the Refuge of the wise Man*; the Glory and Procession of Life is nothing to him; he either despises it, as a false Flattering Shew; or at furthest, never gives it his Heart, so as to dote upon't. I have known Dr. *Edwards* ever since I liv'd in the *Poultry*; and I take this to be his true Character; he is a great Scholar, and wholly devotes his Time and Studies to the Service of Religion.

Dr. *Wincop*: We have a pious Example to follow, in this Learned Divine, for he is a great Master of his Temper, and no Man is better skill'd, than Dr. *Wincop*, in the *Mystery* of winning upon the Hearts of Men. He is well read in *Casuistick* Divinity, which does abundantly furnish him for treating with Persons, either shaken with Opinions, or troubled in Mind; and he's a Divine of such great Sincerity, that any may safely discover their Cases to him, without any Fear of Upbraiding or Treachery.

Dr. *Hayley*: How little need wou'd there be of many Books writ, for *The Truth and Excellency of our Religion*, if we had more such Arguments as this *One Life* (of Dr. *Hayleys*) has produced—He is a great Blessing to St. *Giles's* Parish. He is not onl. a zealous and famous Preacher, but is plainly, and sincerely, in the Sight of God (as well as in the View

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of Men) a good Christian, *even One of a Thousand*. In him we see the Doctrine which we hear.

Dr. Bentley: He has a vast Reach, both of Knowledge and Apprehension, an universal Affability; and has for ever confuted the ATHEISTS, &c. And with these, and many more, excellent Qualities, he has the deepest Sense of Religion, that this Age has seen.

Dr. Lucas: Tho' his Eyes are BLIND, he has a Soul that can SEE every thing; what Clearness of Judgment; what Sweetness of Stile, and what Grace of Carriage is SEEN in every thing he Prints, or does. He endeavours to keep up the Life and Spirit of Religion, and perhaps his *Discourse of Happiness, &c.* is as useful a Piece as this Age has produc'd.

Dr. Atterbury: He's a zealous Defender of the Church of *England* (as thinking it the *PUREST* Church upon Earth) he has a mighty Sense of the Worth of Souls, and of the vast Importance of those Truths which he delivers to them: He encourages Piety, where ever he comes; and (*tho' a Court Preacher*) has too unblemish'd a Candour, to be capable of those Arts and Practices, that a false and deceitful World does Account Wisdom. *To conclude*: He is a good Liver, and an Eloquent Preacher, and converses with Persons of all Conditions, without lessening his Character.

Mr. Stubbs: He is a fervent, and constant Preacher; and faithful in all the parts of his Duty. His Sermons are well studied, and substantial; his Utterance not remiss, but EARNEST; and as one concern'd to profit others; and being himself *affected*, he expresses a *Heartiness* in all he says. He preaches with mighty Force and Conviction; speaks the Sense of his Soul, and enters into the Hearts of his People. He is no Friend to *Occasional Conformity*, for (being sincere himself) he hates a *Hypocrite*, and wou'd have no *Man here between two Opinions*. Such Goodness at his, admits no Hopes of imitation; and by that only is preserv'd from Envy and Emulation: But tho' Mr. Stubbs is eminent in every Grace, yet in nothing else he excels more than in CHARITY, and *Religion*. But I shan't enlarge; for the

he has many Vertues, of no ordinary Growth; yet we may call them to mind, by reviewing his *Excellent Sermons*, printed for Mr. Mortlack, in St. Paul's Church-Yard.

Mr. *Knaggs*: The moving Gayety of his Aspect, and the Gravity of his Deportment, with the Vivacity of his Sermons, and delicate Softness of his Stile, STRIKES a general Respect, and Concern upon his Hearers; so that (when ever he mounts the Pulpit at St. Giles's) he seems rather *an Angel fresh from the Scenes of Glory*, than a Mortal, who had only heard of those Wonders at a Distance.

Mr. *Mosse*: His Preaching and Life, are the same; he is all that he looks; and 'twou'd drain any Wit, but his own, to do his Piety Justice: I shall only add; he preaches at *Graves-Inn*; by which it appears, the Lawyers are in EARNEST to go to Heaven; for they (*chose Dr. Wake, and now Mr. Mosse, and*) cull our the *Best Guides* to shew 'em the Way.

Mr. *Smithies*: His Faithful and Excellent Preaching, commands the Attention of Men; and his Constancy in it, procures their Love: He has been Curate of *Cripplegate Parish*, near Thirty Years, and preaches the Morning Lecture, in *St. Michael's Cornhil*, where he is so *well belov'd*, he seeks for no other Perferment. He is a most humble and hearty Christian, of great Patience and Resignation to the Will of God (*as appear'd by his Carriage, when he was cut for the Stone*) and a most mortified Man to the World. His Practical Books are in great Esteem; and I (heartily) wish all, that neglect the Sacrament, wou'd SERIOUSLY read his Treatise, Entitled, *The Unworthy Non-communicant*.

Mr *Bisset*: He'd speak PLAIN ENGLISH, tho' he preach'd to a King: I wou'd enlarge, but that his *Piety and Courage* are too Great to be spoken, and yet too Great to be conceal'd; for a larger Character of this Pulpit-Hero, I refer the Reader to my Essay, Entitled, *—yet Plainer English*.

Mr. *Stephens*, Minister of *Sutton*, he differs from Mr. *Bisset*, no more than in bare Name (and Person)

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for I can't say any thing of the *Piety and Courage, &c.* of the one, which may not truly be said of the other.

Mr. *David Jones*: is another *Bisset* (or *Stephens*) for Courage and pious Living ; or if any shall doubt this, I'd have 'em consult the *Usurers*, in *Lumberstreet*, or his *Farewe! Sermon*, printed for Mr. *Parkhurst*.

Mr. *Collier*: He's a Breathing Library ; and for Metaphysical Learning, and Good Oratory ; he bears the Bell from most that can be nam'd. I know of none that equal him in these Respects, except it be Dr. *South*, Dr. *Stanhope*, and Mr. *Norris, &c.* The Supplement to the Great Historical Dictionary, must needs be a Noble Work, being written by Mr. *Collier*.

Mr. *Dorington* ; I have heard him Preach many FINE Sermons in the Meeting-House, in *Change Alley*, but (a good Living has better inform'd his Judgment, and) he's now a Convert to the Church of *England* ; and (for all my *Jesting*) I hope SINCERE ; for he writes Books of *DEVOTION*, and spends all his Time in a serious Preparation for Death and Judgment.

Mr. *Marshall* : He preaches to one of the largest Congregations in *London* (I need not say 'tis *St. Ann's*) I shou'd commend particulars, but then, how shou'd I end without a Volume ? He bears his Great Commission in his Looks, and his exemplary Life and Preaching is a standing Reproach upon those who are negligent, and always trudging after Preferment.

Mr. *Blair* : Most other Perfections, are so far from matching his, they deserve not to be mention'd. His *Translations* are Fine, and True ; his Preaching is lively, and rational ; and he's a *First Rate* Poet.

Mr. *Blackstone* : He was my Reverend and Kind Neighbour (when I liv'd in *Fewenstreet*) and having long and intimate Friendship with him, I found this to be his true Character : His Humour is full of Kindness and good Nature : He is affable, and free of Accents, and (as the *Humble Man*) is universally belov'd in the *University*, where he has been *READER* for many Years.

A full and distinct Character, is also due, to these
EMINENT Dissenting Ministers.

Mr. *Charlton*: I cou'd say much of his *Piety, Learning, Moderation, &c.* But I say all this, in telling the Reader, that not only *MANCHESTER*, but the whole Kingdom is blest, for the Sake of that good Man.

Mr. *Cunningham*: He's a Polite, accomplish'd Person, fits young Men for the *MINISTRY*, and is a Match for *Antiquity* in its greatest Purity.

Mr. *Dixon*, (now Minister in *Coichester*) He was Mr. *Cunningham's* Pupil, and is a Person of Eminent Learning and Piety ;

*His Eyes diffuse a venerable Grace,
And Charity it self, sits in his Face ;
Refines himself to Soul, to curb the Sense,
And makes almost a Sin of Abstinence.*

Mr. *Calamy, Edm. Fil. & Nepos*: He is a Gentleman of Great Learning, and Temper ; he seems to be made on purpose for the Service of *Dissenters*, and don't only dive into the Depths of Speculation, and *CON-TROVERSIE*, but can, at Pleasure, unbend his Thoughts, and let 'em run upon the easier Subjects of *Baptism and the Lord's Supper*.

Mr. *Robbinson* ; He is a very ingenious Person ; he succeeds Dr. *Annolly*, in his New Meeting-Houle, and Copies after his Holy Life ; I may say the same of this Learned Divine, as Mr. *Baxter* says of the Good Doctor ; *He is a most sincere, godly, humble Man, totally devoted to God.*

Mr. *Earle* ; He's a Polite Preacher, and noted for his Eminent Piety ; who ever reads his late Sermon, at *Salters Hall*, will own him a Master of Style, and a Great Promoter of the Reformation.

Mr. *Barton* ; He has all the Graceful Parts of Body and Mind, that might attract Love, or conduce to the Accomplishment of a *Gospel Minister*.

Mr. *Ridgley*; He is a Man of a spreading Fame; his accurate and excellent Sermons, sufficiently shew his Learning; and where shall we equal his Noble Charity?

Mr. *Piggot*; He has an Air of Pleasantry in his Countenance, and a LOUD; and brisk Delivery, which contributes to the Advantage of his Performances: He's a SOUND Preacher, and very Popular; and (being a Man of moderate Principles, he) recommends Union and Peace; both in his Sermons and Conversation.

Mr. (SAMUEL) DOOLITTLE.

*His Preaching much, but more his Piety wrought,
A Living Sermon of the Truths he taught.*

Mr. *Pope*; He is fam'd for his Excel'ent Preaching, and is a Man of a piercing Judgment: He hath, as'twere, put a Girdle about the World, and found all her QUICK SANDS: He knows how to advise the troubled Conscience, in the greatest Difficulty: He is a Man of Eminent Learning and Charity, and his Bounty is limited by Reason, not Ostentation. He can survey GOOD, and love it, and loves to do it himself, for its own Sake, not for Thanks: He knows there is no such Misery, as to out-live a Good Name; nor no such Folly, as to put it in Practice, and (for this Reason) his CHARITY is free and secret; his PRIDE is but to be cleanly, and his Piety is very sincere, he preaches for no other End, but to save himself and those that hear him.

Mr. *Goodwin*, of *Pinner*; He is Son to the Learned Dr. *Thomas Goodwin* (whose practical Works have been so well receiv'd) he keeps a PRIVATE ACADEMY, and no Man is better qualified for that Undertaking, (*I'll scarce except Dr. Kerr of Highgate*) 'tis no Flattery, to say, Mr. *Goodwin* has the best Library (of any Dissenting Minister) in the Three Kingdoms; and is HIMSELF, a well furnish'd Library, full of all Faculties, and of all Learning; He has scann'd the LIVES of our *Engl. Kings*; and 'tis no Wonder that he

he is such a great Historian ; for his Memory and Reading is next to a Miracle.

Mr. Tongue : He is a great Scholar, a nice Casuist, and an Example of sincere Piety (*which is the best Part of a Minister*) his Preaching is much esteem'd ; he's a true Minister of Christ, both in Doctrine and Life, answering that Title.

Mr. Collins, and Mr. Bragg ; They succeed the Famous Mather, and are Two Men, eminently useful in their Generation ; they equal the Character of their Learn'd Predecessor, which makes some considerable amends for the Loss of that Great Divine.

Mr. Gravener ; He is a Popular Man (and a Rich and fortunate Husband) his Sermons are ordered with so much Art, that they exceed all that we ever heard ; yet (*being sincere at Heart*) he is one that desires to have his FAME only measur'd by his Goodness. He knows that the Hill of FAME yields a most delightful Prospect ; but withal, that it is most subject to *Lightning and Thunder* ; and that the People (as in Ancient Tragedies) sit and magnifie the least Slip in a Minister ; and for that Reason, his Care is to appear such to his Hearers, as he wou'd have them to be, and to be himself such as he appears (*for Vertue cannot seem one thing and be another*) — In a Word, he is THE Famous and Matchless Preacher amongst the Dissenters, and wants nothing of an Angel, but Eternity.

Mr. Cotton ; A Name most Dear to Vertue ; he understands things, not by their Form, but Qualities ; and his quick Invention (in which he excells) serves not to excuse his Frailties, but to excite his Piety. *He is not subject to Casualties*, for Fortune (in that Sense, as we use the Word) hath nothing to do with a Man of his EASIE SPIRIT, so that (being contented in all Conditions) he is subject, neither to Time, nor his Frailties (*if he has any*) in a Word, he's the Servant of Vertue, and by Vertue ; the Friend of the Highest.

Mr. Stennet ; Whom few can equal ; best, but imitate :

*So much a Saint. I scarce dare call him so,
For fear to wrong him with a Name too low.*

He was born a *Piet*, has been Educated a **SCHOL-
LAR**, and his whole Conversation has been copied
from the *Innocence, and Piety*, of the Primitive **Chri-
LIANS**.

Mr *Glycock*; He hath survey'd and fortify'd his
Disposition; and being a *Wine Man*, Converts all Oc-
currences into *Ex, erience*, and *Reason*; **THERE IS
MARRIAGE!** The Issue are his *Actions*, his Mind
enjoys a continual *Serenity*, and his **CONSIDERATI-
ON** is always at *Home*; he is a most *Nice and Stre-
nuous Disputant*, on the most difficult Points in *Divi-
nity*, and a universal *Scholar*; 'T'wou'd be a *Wrong*
to his *Reputation*, to say he is ignorant of any thing;
and which makes his *Character Shine* the brighter:
He is (Mr. *Stretton*, and Mr. *Reynhold's* excepted) the
most *Humble Man* that I ever knew.

Mr. *Gilson* of *Colchester*; He did me the *Honour*,
to give me a *Letter of Recommendation* to his wor-
thy Friend *Dr. Oakes* of *New England*; and therefore
to forget his *Character* wou'd be *ungrateful*: He is a
Man of a steady Vertue, very *Upright* and *Sincere*,
without *Affectation*; he lives as he *Preaches*, and is
a *Pattern* to most *Ministers*, for *Moderation* and *Cha-
rity*.

THE MOURNING (a) AND PIOUS GLEDHIL.

*When he Laments, we Weep, and Mourn, and Dye,
And labour in th' Extrems of Sympathy.*

Mr. *Rosewel*; He is Son to the *Famous Rosewel*, and
is a **GREAT HONOUR** to the *Nonconformists*, and
to his *Holy Profession*; if ever *Vertue* took a *Body*

(a) *He lately buried a very Kind and Obliging Wife.*

to shew its (else unconceivable) Beauty, it was in this Eloquent Preacher.

*His Speech is soft, and gentle, and his Breath
Perfumes the Air, and makes a Heaven on Earth.*

The Pious and Humble Powell ; He is Great that is Good, and no Man, methinks, is happy on Earth, to him that (like Mr. Powell) hath Grace for Substance, and Humility for Ornament. He has had his *Temptations* (like other good Men) but being truly Religious, when Death comes, he has nothing to Fear.

Mr. Freke ; He is LITTLE of Size, but has a LARGE Soul ; his Thoughts have a HIGH AIM, tho' their Dwelling be in the VALE of a Low Stature, whence, as by an ENGINE (that raises Water to fall, that it may rise the Higher) he is HEIGHTNED in his Humility ; and 'tis what we might all expect ; for he nourishes his *Pigmy Dimensions*, not by Delicacies, but Temperance ; and his GREAT MIND, by giving it Preheminance over his LITTLE BODY : In a Word ; *A Lark's worth a Kite* : And tho' Mr. Freke be a LITTLE Man, he's GREATLY admir'd.

Mr. Walker of Brentford ; His Air, and Person, is very Charming ; his Wit and Vertues are writ legibly in his Face, and he lives the Doctrine he Preaches ; but if you'd see him in a better Light, read his *Thanksgiving Sermon*, preach'd to the Dissenters of Brentford.

Mr. Noble ; He is a Pious, Eloquent, Sincere and Temperate Man, and a constant zealous Preacher.

Mr. Fleming ; His Father's Character I attempted before ; and the Son merits a large *Pinegyrick* ; he calls not the Variety of the World Chances ; for being a Divine POET, his Meditation hath travell'd over them, and his Eye (mounted on *Pegasus*) seeth them as things underneath : In a Word ; he is a Person of Exemplary Worth, and the Respect he has paid to King *William's* Memory (in the Noble CHARACTER he gave of him)

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him) ought to endear his Name to all True Protestants.

Mr. *Crisp*; He has a wonderful GIFT IN PRAYER, and is zealous in helping forward the Conversion of Souls.

Mr. *Mayo*; He was not at first design'd for the Ministry; but having a *Great Inclination* for it (by close Application and Study) he's become an Eminent Preacher; he treads in the same Steps of his Reverend Father (a) and leads a most pious, and useful Life.

Mr. *Nesbet*; He is a Person of Great Learning and Judgment, and his *Conversation is much in Heaven*: He thinks Pride, and Avarice, a great Sin in the Layety; and in the Clergy, *scandalous Vices*; I verily think, shou'd any Man break in his Debt, he'd think himself then, most honourably seated, when he gave MERCY the upper-hand; nor wou'd he demand unreasonable Security (*I mean the Mortgage of a whole Estate, for a small Summ*) to the Hurt of his Debtor; NO! He's made up of Compassion and Charity, and rather strives to purchase a Good Name, than Land; and of all RICH STUFFS forbidden by the *Statute*, he'd never consent that his Wife, or Heir, shou'd wear their Cloths *cut out of Cruelty, and Extortion*: To conclude his Character; he is both *Religious, and Merciful*, and that makes him both live, and act, as I've here describ'd.

Mr. *Stor*; He formerly sought his Quietness in Secrecy; and was wont ('till of late) to hide himself, in Retiredness, and his Tongue in himself; but now he is come into the Light (*being remov'd from Harwich to a Congregation in London*) he shews by his useful Preaching, that his Obscurity was neither from Affectation, nor Weakness: In a Word; he is both an apt Schollar, and a good Master; for every thing he sees, informs him, and his Mind Inrich'd with plentiful Observations, can give us excellent Precepts.

(a) Mr. Richard Mayo, whose Character you had before.

Mr. Norris; There is a Conformist Minister of the same Name, and I can't say which is the better Scholar, or the more CURIOUS Preacher; As to the *Dissenting Norris*, he's a Man lives a devout Life; and hath this Hand over Fortune, that her Injuries, how violent, or sudden soever, they do not daunt him; for (*living in the Discharge of his Duty*) whether his Time call him to live or die, he can do both courageously; even then like the Sun, near his Setting, he shews unto the World his *Clearest Countenance*: He lately publish'd a most Ingenious Sermon upon the *Thanksgiving*, which he dedicated to the *Countess of Sunderland*; so that our *London Norris* must be own'd to be a Person of Great PIETY, and Wit; and for his Skill in *Oratory*, and *Metaphysical Learning*, he equals (if not exceeds) his Learned Name-sake, Mr. Norris of *Benmerton*.

Mr. *Petto*; His *Venerable Age*, deserves Great Honour from all that know him, for his *Hony Head*, is found in the *Way of Righteousness*; his free Discourse runs back to the Ages past, and recovers Events out of Memory, and then preventeth them by flying forwards to Future Things, and by comparing one with the other, can give a Verdict well near Prophetical; the *Dissenters of Sudbury*, call him their ORACLE; and considering his Great Age and Experience, I don't know where they can find a better.

Mr. *Henry of Chester*; He is Son (if I don't mistake) to that Famous *Henry*, whose Life was lately printed in *London*; I'm told he does Patriare, for all his Actions appear to be perfectly devoted to God, strictly observing *St. Paul's Rule*, in the 4th of the *Phillippians*; *Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are Lovel, whatsoever things are of good Report; if there be any Verue, if there be any Rause, think on these things*, which Mr. *Henry* does with that Exactness (and sincerity) the very Church-Men love him, and even Malice is angry: She can find no Cause to be angry with him.

Mr. *Bereman*, Dr. *Annesley*, and this *Grave and Antient Divine*, had few Equals for their Publick Spirit, and sincere Piety; their EXCELLENCY (to use a Word

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Word in Dr. *Annesley's* Funeral Sermon) lay this way: Dr. *Annesley* left a Living of 700*l.* per Annum (viz. *Cripplegate*) for the sake of a good Conscience; and he devoted his whole Time and Estate to Religion, and Acts of Charity; for so *HIS LIGHT DIRECTED*, and it certainly directed him right (a) Mr. *Bereman* was just such another Man; for he had a large Soul, and a flaming Zeal; and his Usefulness was very extensive; he had a good Estate, but like some others (I forbear to mention) it did not narrow his Spirit, but made him the more charitable. He'd ne'er (as was said of Dr. *Annesley*) — *Be Rich whilst any Man was Poor*— And for that Reason, he preach'd for NOTHING, and gave great Part of his own Estate to promote the Gospel: His Apprehension was quick, and clear; his Reasoning Faculty acute and sound; his Method, in all his Sermons, might be expos'd to the most Crittical Censurer, and (tho' he died in his 80th Year) his Memory was admirable, nor was it impair'd to the last Hour he liv'd.

Mr. *Oakes*; He is a Person of Good Learning, and of a Genteel Spirit; he is an excellent, and useful Preacher, and 'tis Pity *London* has lost his Company.

Mr. *Huffey*; His Philosophicak Discourse on the late *STORM*, shews he's a Man of Learning; he can dispute well, and has done it with Great Applause; but he's no Lover of Controversies, but a sincere Promoter of practical Godliness; *He preaches in Cambridge*, and some of the Schollars do now and then PEEP into his Meeting; and I can tell 'em their Time wou'd not be lost, if they staid out the whole Sermon; for Mr. *Huffey* is a Divine of Great Piety, and Universal Moderation; Then I don't see why the *Cantabrigians* shou'd refuse to hear him, for he has a Great Respect for the Pious Men of the Church of *England*, and never lays any Stress on thoe *LITTLE THINGS* (I mean Ceremonies, or such indifferent Things, as are not essential to Salvation) in which he is very sensible o-

(a) As I prove at large in my Post-Angel.

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thers are as much at Liberty to differ from him, as he from them.

Mr. *Weeks* of *Bristol*; He's a solid Preacher, and a Man of General Learning; his Delight is in the Saints, his Business is Religion, and his whole Deportment strictly Conscientious.

Mr. *Kentish*; He is (or was) Mr. *Weeks* Assistant, his Language is always Neat and Fine, but unaffected, free from Starch, or Intricacy: He's a Popular Preacher, and his Fame is (deservedly) got to so great a Height, that when ever Mr. *Weeks* dies, his large Congregation can't fix on a better Successor.

Mr. *Mauduit*; He was my Customer (and Author) for many Years; and I take Modesty and Learning, to have the Ascendant of all his Vertues; he is never dry, nor pumping, but always full and flowing (his Discourse on the TRINITY, is a matchless Piece) he's a solid Divine, and a good Disputant; his Returns and Repartee's are quick, apposite, and genteel; and 'tis a Pleasure to observe how handsomely he acquits himself; in Fine he's a *PIOUS MAN*, as well as a Great Schollar; and where ever he comes (*There is so much good Humour in his whole Conduct*) he is the very Life, and Spirit of the Company.

Mr. *Crusoe*; He was call'd the Golden Preacher, and was so great a Textuary, that he cou'd pray two Hours together in Scripture Language; 'tis true, he was not arriv'd at PERFECTION (as appear'd by his Sloth, in Tying the Conjugal Knot) but his Repentance was sincere, and publick, (being declar'd in the Pulpit, with his own mouth) and I don't fear but *Tim. Crusoe*, is now a glorified Saint in Heaven.

Mr. *Clark* of *London*; He's a Man of a very generous, and publick Spirit, Vital Religion flourishes where ever he lives (or Preaches) he is a Man more than ordinarily mortified to the Pleasures of the Flesh, and the Vanities of the World, and his Conversation is in Heaven.

Mr. *Rosewel*, Senior, in 1674, He was chosen to succeed Mr. *James Janeway*, in his Congregation at *Rosberish*, in 1684. He was indicted for High Treason

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son, and had very hard Measure, but came off with a great deal of Reputation: I heard his Tryal at *Westminster-Hall*. and must declare, I never heard a more pious and learned Defence in my whole Life. He had a particular Veneration for Dr. *Annesley*; and for that Reason, I had the HONOUR to see Mr. *Roswell* every Week at my House. He was a Wonder of Humility, Charity, and Moderation; and it wou'd do a very Great Honour to Nonconformity, if his Son-in-Law, Mr. *Lawrence*, wou'd be perswaded to print his Trial.

Mr. *Thomas Gouge*, Mr. *Baxter* says, *That he never heard any one Person, of what Rank, Sort, or Sect soever, speak one Word to his Dishonour, or name any Fault that they charg'd on his Life; or Doctrine, no not the highest Prelatists themselves, save only that he conform'd not to their Impositions: God blessed him with a Great Estate, and he liberally us'd it in Works of Charity, which (as Mr. Calamy tells us) he made the great Business of his Life. His Funeral Sermon was preach'd by Dr. Tillotson (afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury) and in giving his Character, he hath these Words, among others; So that all things consider'd, there have not, since the Primitive Times of Christianity, been many among the Sons of Men, to whom that Glorious Character of the Son of God might be better apply'd, That he went about doing Good.*

Mr. *Lewis*; He is a Person of strict Morais, and Remarkable Friendship; he (zealously) lays out himself in the Discharge of his Pastoral Work, and (I hear) he has many Seals of his Ministry: I am able to say, from the *Short Acquaintance* I had with him, That I never knew a Man more Heavenly in his Conversation, or greater Humility, or more truly Compassionate to thole in Distress, or that had more clear and Right Notions, both of Persons and Things: So that the Good Samaritan, I have been seeking all my Days, is found in Mr. *Lewis*.

I might insert other Dissenting Ministers (who with all that are here named) shall have a large and distinct Character in the second Part of my Life; but for the present, I will only add Mr. *Primer's* Character, and I chuse to make

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make his Character the *finishing Stroke* to all the rest; as I pretend to know him thoroughly, and find by intimate Acquaintance with him,

Mr. *Samuel Palmer* had the Happiness to be educated under the Care of the Learned Dr. *Kerr*; he pursu'd his Studies with wonderful Application, and constantly sat to 'em, in his Study, or was employ'd in Exercises in the Schools (as I'm well inform'd) at the Rate of Seventeen Hours a Day — This *uncommon Industry*, falling in with the peculiar Strength and Capacity of his Genius, has produc'd a Man, who wants nothing but an Opportunity to show himself, in order to be as much admir'd above others of his standing, as his Merits are *more shining and sizeable* than theirs — His Temper lies very open and sincere, and abhors all Trick and Flattery — He's a Man of great Generosity — Very Charitable — and very Humble, for he never courts the Rich, and is always ready to attend the poorest Creature — And is well accomplish'd for the solemn Office of a Minister, which he discharges with a great Degree of Faithfulness, and has been bless'd, and honour'd, with great Success — His Delivery, his Voice, and Stile, are Excellent, and he preaches without Notes, which is no small Recommendation of a Young Minister — Were that most Ingenious and Rational Sermon he lately preach'd upon *Conjugal Duties* but universally known and practic'd, there wou'd not be a bad Husband, or Wife, in the World — He takes a great deal of Pains with the *Rising Generation*, and his Catechetical Lectures are very instructive, being plain, easie, and full — He discourses with Judgment; and at the same time with all imaginable Freedom, upon *Free Grace, the Trinity, &c.* and such Subjects that require a great Depth of Thought; a Talent which is far from being Common even among good Scholars — His Acquaintance with the *Antients*, is very considerable — He reads a *Greek, or Latin* Author with a great deal of Ease; and to this sort of Learning his Mind is well turn'd — He's well belov'd by all the Clergy, and Gentlemen of the Church of England, who have had