

The Hanover-Spy :

O R,

Secret History of St. James's.

FROM

The Reign of Queen ROBIN,

Down to the late

Misunderstanding in the Royal Palace.

Publish'd by Order of that Person of Honour who detected those Jacobite Secrets that furnish'd out Neck or Nothing ; and consists only of such State Secrets as this SPY was privy to, or can prove by Persons now living at Court.

The Whole DISCOVERIES

Inscrib'd to that True Englishman and Generous Patriot, BENJAMIN CHILDE, Esq; late High-Sheriff for the County of Berks.

By Mr. John Dunton, (Author of Neck or Nothing)

And is his TENTH successful Attempt to detect the Enemies to King GEORGE, and His Illustrious House, at the Hazard of his Life and Fortune, as is prov'd in—*A Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude, Inscrib'd to the KING*—And in—*A Most Humble Petition to His Majesty—That he might be Presently Hang'd or Rewarded*—Both which are prefix'd to these New Discoveries.

*Whatever Censures on this SPY may fall,
I still unmov'd, will boldly stand 'em all.*

Allusion to the Prologue of the *Nonjuror*.

— *Alitur Vitium crescitque tegendo.* VIRG.

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T O H I S

H I G H L Y H O N O U R ' D

A N D

Much Respected K I N S M A N,

Benjamin Childe, Esq;

Lord of the Mannour of *Tilehurst*, Justice of the Peace for the County of *Berks*, and late High Sheriff of the same County.

M O S T D E A R C O U S I N,

THE long and intimate Friendship that was between my self and my worthy Kinsman, your deceased Father, (the most Affable and Generous Person I ever knew) together with the universal Acknowledgment of the whole County of *Berks* that your Worship does Patrizare, (*i. e.* are not only a True Englishman, but a Noble Patriot) has made me presume to Inscribe my HANOVER-SPY, and *Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude*, to a Gentleman of your Distinguish'd Loyalty and Goodness; and I am still the more encourag'd to this DEDICATION, as you have always shewn (by your own Practice) That the chief Thing valuable in either Honour or Riches, is the Power they give to Oblige; and therefore tho' 'tis common for Persons of a mean Extract (or meer Mechanicks) to be Stiff and Haughty, I never knew a Person that was Born a Gentleman, but what (like your self) was truly Humble and Courteous.

teous. I shall therefore approach you in this DEDICATION with the same Freedom as if I was as much your Equal in Honour and Riches, as I am by Birth, and a sincere Affection to the House of *Hanover*; for tho' Suretyship, a *Joynture-Shackle*, and the Great Sums I have spent in the Service of my King and Country, have greatly incumber'd my Moiety of that Noble Estate (call'd (a) *BOTTAM FARM*) to which we were Co-Heirs; yet as no Misfortunes or Poverty on my side, or Honour or Riches on yours, can lessen that Near Relation that is between us, I don't fear your Generous Patronage to my *HANOVER-SPY*, and his *Detection of Whiggish Ingratitude*, not only from your Generous Bounty to all such that have spent their Estates in detecting the Plots of a Popish Pretender, but as Mr. *Benjamin Coilde* of *Calcut* is the *only Relation* (that I know of) that I have now living by my Mother's Side.

But though we both descended from the Ancient and Honourable Family of the *CARTERS*, (Mr. *Daniel Carter* of *Chester* being acknowledg'd by all that knew him, to be the most Illustrious Patriot this Age has known) and were Co-Heirs to their Lands, Woods, and Houses, yet I can truly say of your Worship, (for as to my self I have nothing to boast of, but barely the Honour of having the Blood of the *DUNTONS* and *CARTERS* running in every Vein, and daring to shed it in his Majesty's Service in the worst of Times) that *Your Merit is greater than your Fortune*, tho' Fortune has partly reconcil'd the Man of Wit, her strongest Enemy to her by the Favours which she has judiciously conferr'd upon you. The Name which you have acquir'd by your Merit, is as great, if not greater than that which you took from your Fathers; and you will transmit more Lustre to your *POSTERITY* than you derive from your *ANCESTORS*.

But tho' (Dear *KINSMAN*) your Distinguish'd Parts were Honour enough for any other Person but your Worship, yet *WIT* is not the only Shining Quality for which the World admires you: To a happy *Imagination* and lively *Genius* you have reconcil'd the *Severity and Profoundness of Judgment*; and for ought I know, are the *only*, but I am sure, the *best* Refutation of what our *HANOVER-SPY* (after a private Search into the Families, Cabinets, Misses, Politicks, Conversation and Morals, of the greatest Wits of *St. James's*) has advanced, *viz.* That *Wit and Judgment* are incompatible Talents, that never meet in the same Person. The whole County of *Berks* has no less owned the *Accomplish'd Justice*, than admir'd the *Polite Gentleman* in you; and that part of the County which you bless with your constant Residence, owes its Repose and Peace to your wise Administration;

(a) *Lying in Chester Parish in the County of Bucks.*

well as it does its *Politeness* to Your VIVACITY and IT.

But should I presume to praise all those Matchless Vertues for which you deserve Esteem—That Illustrious Piety that makes you soar so high in Vertue and Goodness above the ordinary reach of Mankind, that you seem to be a Distinguish'd Species of your
 — That exact JUSTICE, which balances all your Actions
 — That *Affability, Wisdom, and Moderation*, which a whole County has admir'd — That *Magnanimity*, which would render you unalterable in all the Smiles and Frowns of Fortune, (if you your POOR KINSMAN, the Author of *Neck or Nothing*, should spend a plentiful Fortune to serve the Publick) — That *Liberality* which hath made you Generous (*i. e.* truly Great) all your Gifts, Favours, and Acts of Charity: I say (Dear Sir) should I thus presume to descend to particular Instances of your Vertuous Character, I should be forced to unite the largest Encomiums, and must lay them down as a due Tribute at the Feet of your spreading Fame; and therefore (SIR) knowing my Inability to do distinct Justice to all those Shining Perfections in which your Life is adorn'd, I dare only Reverence your Vertues in general, and for that reason they are in this Address your Worship, rather the subject of my general Admiration, than in particular Description; and (SIR) the worst Enemy you have in the World (if such a Generous Patriot can have any) will acknowledge this, that considers you executed the Office of *High-Sheriff*, (as well as *Justice of the Peace*) for the County of *Berks*, and so much Honour to your self, Justice to the County, and Distinguish'd Loyalty to King GEORGE, as has not only gain'd you immortal Credit in that County, but has endeared your Matchless Character to all the loyal Subjects of *Great-Britain*, so that no Critick can charge me with saying too much of your Illustrious Vertues, seeing 'tis acknowledg'd by the whole County of *Berks* (as well as by the Mannour of *Tilchurst*, of which you are Lord) ' *That no Praise can reach your Merit, or flatter beyond it*; but as I am a stranger to your Person (I mean so far a stranger as only to know your Worship by the Opinion of the World, and by the Character Mankind has given of you) why should I then run out on your Encomiums, and only Eccho to the World, what I first heard from them? All that becomes me to say at present is, that I agree with the Universal Consent of both Sex, and make one to fill the Train of your Admiration.

Whom then can I more fitly inscribe the HANOVER-SPY Acts the Friend (or Lover) in every Station, than to your self? You are the *Friend* in all the several Scenes of Life, — The *Courtier* — The *Husband* — and — The *Father*.

You are ——— *The Lover* ——— of your Wife (the eldest Daughter and Co-Heir to that Illustrious Patriot Sir William Kendrick) you Love beyond the Fashion; you Love her, though your Wife, and though you had at least Ten Thousand Pounds with her, as an Addition to your own Noble Estate, yet the Matchless Charms of her Vertue and Love, are what have most endeared her to you.

You are a *Lover of your Children* (which are Three Daughters the same Stock of Females Sir William Kendrick had by his Vertuous Lady) so fond you are of those young Pledges of your Nuptial Friendship, you seem the *Admiring Courtier* of them; you seem wedded to them, you seem the very Father of Love itself, hence 'tis this *Hamover Spy* (the Child of Love and Friendship) flies to your *Worship*, not in the least doubting your *Generous Patronage*, for 'tis Title enough to the Protection of a Noble Soul to stand really in need of it. I am sure *Methodizer* of the following Discoveries has this Place (as you find in my *Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude*, inscrib'd *the King*) and you are not now to be distinguish'd by a *Greatness of Soul* that few Gentlemen can Equal, and none Excuse. Witness your *Spacious House*, curious *Gardens*, large *Fish-Pond* (all surrounded with *Brick Walls*) *Great Hospitality*, noble *Attendance for your Lady*, and every Thing *Answerable*; so that your fine Seat at *Calcot* seems to prove the Heathens *Elysium* a real Thing, and that *Calcot* is that *Pleasant Place*, for if any Thing could tempt so good a Man (as Mr. Benjamin Child) not to think of Heaven it would be that *Earthly Paradise* where he dwells, so that if my being your *Only Relation* now Living of *Carter's Family* (from whence we both Descended) and since *Bequeath'd* by your *Generous Father*, to his last Breath, will give me a Title to a *distinguish'd Mark of your Friendship*, I desire to receive it upon your finding (by this *Dedication*) that my *Nephew* (the only Child of *Lydia Carter*) is still Living; by what I have said of your *Noble Seat and Publick Spirit* and that you are influenc'd by a *Greatness of Soul* in all your *Actions*; and sure I am, 'tis those *Vertuous Actions* in you which Excel others more than your *Blood* (or *Descent*) makes you *Truly Noble* (for to own the Truth)

*The Fame of Families is all a Cheat,
Tis Personal Vertues only makes us Great.*

and therefore I have no Reason to doubt of your *Generous Reception* of this small *Mark of my Respect* to the *Present of a History* say to detect His MAJESTY'S *Enemies*, that *Quarrel* with the ROYAL PALACE

speech in the Parliament House (a) or *Plot* in a Jacobite (invention) as 'tis inscrib'd to a Gentleman of distinguish'd Loyalty and Worth, one whose Mind is innobled with Virtue, the Beauty and Majesty of which can't so much as be thought without *Love and Veneration*, for 'tis acknowledg'd by all that know *Justice Childe* of *Calcot*, that he is a *Compleat Gentleman*, (i. e. truly Noble, by being strictly Vertuous) if he is such that addicted to no Vice (never *Whores, Swears or Drinks to Excess*) just and speedy in paying his Debts, and Delights in no *Recreations* but such as are Innocent, and fit for a Gentleman (such as *Bowling, Hunting, Fishing, Setting, &c.*) I repeat it again, a *Hero* thus accomplish'd may be call'd, a *Compleat Gentleman*, and *Benjamin Childe* is that *Barkshire-Phoenix*, whose whole *Life* is one continu'd *Act* of that *Loyalty and Goodness* which I have here describ'd.

In short to Recover that *Good Opinion* of Mankind, which was lost by the *Plotting Tories* in the late Reign, and by the *Avarice and Ingratitude* of the *Court-Whiggs*, in this 'tis Necessary the *Reformation in General*, as well as the *British Court* (where I hope I see your *Worship* advanc'd to a Sphere as large as your *Merits*) you'd be inform'd of your Loyal and Shining Character; nor need your *Unrewarded Kinsman* (*John Dunton*) who has *Ruin'd* himself to save his Country) fear a cold Reception where *Honour and Affability* make their constant Residence, and therefore if any Thing cou'd Tempt me to Pride (the Abhorrence of Noble Minds and Persons Honourably Descended) it wou'd be my being nearly Related to a Gentleman every way thus Accomplish'd, tho' for nothing more justly valu'd than your being a *True* (i. e. Moderate) *Churchman*, and distinguish'd *Loyalty to King George*.

S I R, — As the King's making you a *Justice of Peace* and *High-Sheriff* for the County of *Berks*, is an undoubted Proof of his sincere Affection to his Royal Person and Government, so is of your Capacity for Publick Service; for sure I am, there is no one Virtue in the World of which a *High-Sheriff* and *Justice of Peace*, as such, will not sometimes stand in need, and there is no Vice neither which will not look worse in him than in another Man; and therefore a good *Justice of Peace* (such as your *Worship*) is a publick Blessing, and does more Good by Example than by his Authority.

S I R, — As his Majesty has advanc'd you to the most Difficult Post in the Government, (for such I count the Office of a *Justice of Peace*, and *High-Sheriff*, when executed with that impartial Goodness for which you have been Distinguish'd, I wou'd

(a) Mr. *Shippen* that was lately sent to the *Tower* for his *Speech*, reflecting on his Majesty's Person and Government, is the only *Speech* that is here meant.

My too, in the most difficult Times, if any thing could be re-
 would so for the present Reign) 'tis a good Omen of your
 Greater Advancement by our Grateful Monarch, who is as Ze-
 lous to Reward the Distinguish'd Services of his Loyal Subjects
 as they can be to Merit his Royal Favour. And I'm sure there
 no Country Gentleman in all his Majesty's Realms, that I
 more justly deserv'd a Splendid Title and Rich Post than JU-
 TICE CHILDE, of *C:lcot*, as 'He has no other Aim in acce-
 ing Preferment, but The Publick Good, for there are
 W—— poles in *Berkshire* (or L——ds C——ners that sell
 versions that are justly due to the *Neck-Adventurers* in his M-
 jesty's Service) as appears by those *Berkshire* Gentlemen who
 Heinouly Resent it, that a Whig-Ministry should be less sol-
 tons to Reward the Author of *Neck or Nothing*, that ventur'd
 ALL to save his Country, than the Tories (when in Power) w-
 to enrich those Jacobite Tools that did all they could to Ruin
 And therefore, SIR, if my presenting my Case to the K-
 does not render all further Application to his Majesty needless
 hope you'll do me that great Honour, as to Petition our Gra-
 fal Prince, that JOHN DUNTON (that has the same Bl-
 ranning in his Veins with your Worship, and in that respect
 part of your Family) might not be Starved in a Jayl for his
 pensive Hazards to serve the Publick, or Venture his *Neck*
Nothing. Your Worship's bare appearing in such a Petition
 this, would make all the Gentlemen in *Berkshire* Sign it. I
 ther do you want any Arguments to move you to a Gener-
 Act, for all your Fellow-Subjects (but more especially the Nat-
 of *Berkshire*, where you have faithfully served your Country
 as a High-Sheriff and Justice of Peace) look upon you a fit
 tern to imitate in all you Speak or Act, and a singular Bless-
 to all that know you, as well as an Ornament to your Coun-
 And therefore (SIR) as I am your Nearest Relation now liv-
 on the *Carter's* side, (and the Poor Man that sav'd the City, w-
 no Man has yet remember'd) I assure my self, out of a ten-
 Compassion to your own Flesh and Blood, as well as for the
 good of *Great Britain*, you'll let his Majesty know, that *Notbi-*
done for Mordecai (a), for you can't Act that *True Englishman* and
His Patriot as you were ever accounted without being a Living Exam-
 that Natural Affection and Generosity go Hand in Hand,
 that Riches, Justice, and Loyalty, receive additional Lustre f

(a) Alluding to a Book lately publish'd by an Eminent Cle-
 man, intitl'd, *Mordecai's Memorial; or There's Nothing done*
him; fairly proving that (John Dunton) the Author of *Neck*
Nothing, has run more Desperate and Successful Hazards to
 rest the Enemies to King *George* and his Illustrious House,
 all the Whig-Authors in *Great-Britain* besides.

one another. But because I would not offend your Worship's darling Vertue, your MODESTY, I shall chuse to transgress against the common Rules of Dedications, and not speak half what I know to be true of your Noble Education, Fortune, Breeding, and Temper; or, which is more Valuable, that Goodness and Candour that shines in all you say, or do, but shall only make Good Wishes supply the place of a JUST PANEGRICK.

But perhaps your Worship may ask me here (as I was born to good Estate, and never given to any Extravagance) 'How comes it to pass, COUSIN DUNTON, that you are so Greatly in Debt, that (without his Majesty's Poyal Bounty sets you at Liberty) you must now either Beg, or STARVE in the Fleet-Prison?

SIR, ——— To this I Answer ——— 'Twas *Frequent Suretyship* (for I was always ready to serve a distressed Friend that askt my Help) ——— My being *Cheated in a Second Marriage of many thousand Pounds* (by *Jane Nichols's Unjust Will*) ——— And ——— *The great Sums of Money that I freely spent in his Majesty's Service, out of my own Pocket* ——— that has reduced me to those Pinching Wants that (except my Venture of *Neck or Nothing* to serve the publick, receive a Royal Reward) I must now unavoidable BEG or STARVE in a Jayl, till such time I can Redeem ——— My *Medal, Rings, Plate, Watch, Phoenix-Library,* and other Things of Value ——— Or pay that Debt for which my Rent is Mortg'd that buys the very Bread on which I subsist. However (Sir) *the Sun that Sets, may Rise again;* and if your Worship (mov'd by the Relation that is between us) will inform the King of the extricable Difficulties under which I am now Groaning, thro' the INGRATITUDE of my Summer (and Court) Friends, I don't doubt but such a Generous Representation as this to his Majesty, would soon deliver me out of all my Troubles, as well convince the World, that Mr. BENJAMIN CHILDE the Only Generous Whig of Quality that I have made my Addresses to: For tho' none of those Loyal Whigs which now surround his Majesty's Throne ——— ——— (a *Victorious Miser* only excepted, who gave me but TWO Guineas, which I was asham'd to present to his Porter, or had given him that Beggely Sum for the great Civility he shew'd to me those severalornings I came to wait on his *Great, Little Master*) have given me less than TEN or FIFTEEN Guineas a Man, in Acknowledgment of my Publick Services; yet not one of those Whig Dukes, Earls, Lords, or Baronets, have kept their Promises, Seeking all Occasions to let his Majesty know what I did and suffer'd for his Illustrious House, in the Worst of Times. I expect more Sincere and Generous Treatment from that *Englishman and Faithful Patriot, Mr. Benjamin Childe,* or I shall

think your Great Estate has lessen'd that Noble Spirit which was always found in your Father, and in every Branch of the *Carter's* Family; but Sir, whatever my Fortune be (either a Royal Reward, or Hanging, the last of which I prefer to a Prison, as your Worship will find in my *Case* inscrib'd to the King) I shall be ever thankful to that good Providence that has brought *Good out of Evil*; for I have learnt to see the Vanity and Falshood of this World, from my being Trick'd (or some way or other deceiv'd) by every Person I have serv'd in it (I'll only except the King, Prince, and Princess of Wales, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Sunderland, Lord Stanhope, Mr. Secretary Addison, the *Hierover* Spy you: *Worshp.*, Dr. *Annesley*, and Five or Six Persons more) I own (Sir) this is a very Heinous and General Charge, but my *Summer Friends* (some of which owe their very Rise to my *Constant Friendship*, and were all as Welcome to my Purse and Table as I was my self) prove it to be Matter of Fact, for since I have been unable to Treat and Serve 'em as formerly, I find so little Honour and Humanity in 'em, that they scarce know me (but are as *Sly as Ghosts*, for fear I shou'd remind 'em of *former Favours*, or ask 'em to lend me Money) tho' in my Prosperity they always call'd me their *Dear Father*, and *Best Friend*, and found me so when every Body else forsook 'em; so that my present *CASE* is very Deploable (as I can prove to your *Worship* in many Particulars) for those that are oblig'd to serve me, I find very Ungrateful; *Others* whom the common Tye of Nature obliges to be *Civil*, have so much of the *Brute* (tho' great Professors of Religion) that I find only *the outward Form of Man*, (i. e. my *Nearest Relations* now Treat me with Neglect or Indifference from too much of the *Pharisee* in them) so that I am no sort of *Timon of Athens* (or were it possible) more Unhappy; for I can apply my self to none of these *Summer Friends* that are so honest as to own I ever serv'd 'em, tho I have often done it with my whole Estate; But this comes — Of Suretiship — (Bargaining for a Wife, — Of Trusting to the Solemn Promises of that Deceitful *Wretch*, and *Scraping Miser*, Jane Nichol of *St. A's* — And of Venturing Neck for Nothing. — However I shou'd preface to your Worship, I am above all my *Summer Friends* (whether they be *Court* or *City Whigs*) or even a *Dunton* or *Car* that is either *False* or *Dangerous*, and Despise, tho' not them, the *Treachery and Inhumanity*, and Rejoyce that I serv'd my *Fellow-Citizens* (both in this and the late Reign) with *Cheerfulness*, without the Views of *any Advantage or Interest*, and still I have the same Soul, tho' not the Power; for were I not now in a Starv Condition (as is prov'd in the following Account of my *Case and Sufferings*) I should not have Troubled your *Worship* (who are only Sincere and Generous in your particular Friendships, by *Common Blessing* to all that know you) with this *Detection of Sins* — *For credit and Writings Ingratitude.*

SIR, — As to the HANOVER-SPY (which I have presented to Inscribe to your Illustrious Name) all I shall say of him (briefly) this, He designs to oblige our *British Athenians* not only with a New, but with *A Secret History of St. James's, from the Restoration of Charles the Second, to this Time; but more especially from the Reign of Queen Robin, down to the late Misunderstanding in the Royal Palace, and with what Secret Novelties occur by that he thinks deserve Publication.*

It is one of the Encomiums given to Suetonius, That he made publick to the World the Vices and Miscarriages of the twelve Cæsars by the same Freedom with which they were by 'em committed. And there is no question but one of his chiefest Reasons for so doing, is this, *Because he would not deceive Posterity.* I can assure your Worship, our *Hanover-Spy* (who is that *Person of Honour* from whom I received all the Jacobite Secrets that furnish'd out *Neck or Nothing*) has not been less Free and Honest in the Memoirs that compose *The Secret History of St. James's*; for he only sends such State-Secrets as he was either privy to, or can prove by Persons now Living at Court, *The Hanover-Spy* being to be a sort of Living History, and not a Dull Collection from The Secretories already publish'd. Nor had I presum'd to Dedicate my Loyal Search to such a Nice Critick as Mr. CHILDE, had I known he was able to discover such Secrets in Church and State, as would please the most Curious Palate. And I am sure, whoever reads the SPY's New Discoveries of the Hypocrisy and Treason of *Queen Robin, Lady Abigail, and Harry Gambol,* will when he sets the Fallhoods and Plots of the late Reign, and the Folly and Integrity of his present Majesty in such A True Light, as fairly proves no British Monarch can ever Reign (either to the Honour or Safety) whilst a TORY-MINISTRY sits at the helm.

SIR, — As to the Truth of those Secrets that are here discover'd, tho I am under a Solemn Promise to Conceal that *Person of Honour* from whom I receiv'd 'em; yet that does not lessen the Credit they deserve from the Publick, for they carry their own Evidence along with 'em; and for that reason our *Hanover-Spy* needs no further Proof to Attest his several Discoveries; for as to the most Secret Transactions, the Consequences, and Events are his Testimonies, (as was seen in his Early Discoveries of *Oxford's* and *Bolingbroke's* SCHEME to Restore the Pretender, intitl'd, *Neck or Nothing,* which were confirm'd Ten Months after their Publication, in the Report made by the Committee of Secrecy) and for what was more publickly carried, there are the Loud and General Complaints of the Kingdom to confirm 'em. However (Sir) our *Hanover-Spy* (with all his Faults) is free-submitted to your Impartial Sentence of Life or Death, and if it meets with your Generous Patronage,

*Whatever Conspires on his SEARCH may fall,
I still will unmov'd will boldly stand 'em all.*

For tho I'm neither a High Sheriff or Justice of Peace, and have neither your *Worship's* Ribes or Noble Seat in Berksbire, yet as I had the Honour to be born a Gentleman, being the Fourth *John Duntou* in a Lineal Descent from the Tribe of *Levy*, and Grandson (that Generous and Immortal Patriot *Mr. Daniel Carter of Chesbam*) I hope, as *Stanislaus King of Bohemia* always carry'd his Father's Picture about him, that by looking upon when tempted to any Vice, he might never do any thing unworthy of his Royal Descent, so I shall always remember that I came of the Race of the *DUNIONS* and *CARTERS*, that I may never dishonour my Reverend and Noble Progenitors by deserting a *Rigorous Cause*——*Sordid Avarice*——*Base Ingratitude*——or any other sneaking Vice——And in particular, that I may not forfeit your *Worship's* Generous Patronage, which I'm sure I neither keep nor deserve, should I ever do any *little, base, or cowardly Action*. And therefore so long as I continue in my right Senses, I shall do my utmost not only to procure your *Good Opinion*, but to deserve the Honour of being your *Kinsman*, for I'm heartily glad once in my *Life-time*, I have found such a *PHEENIX* as a *True Friend*, and that too a *Near Relation*, but I don't Rejoyce that I have the Opportunity of trying, whether I find things as *Friends*, since those Opportunities hapoen every Day, but many Ages do produce such a valuable *Rarity* as a *True Friend*, and therefore *Cowley* might well say, *There are fewer Friends on Earth than Kings* — seeing many of those who *DIGNIFY* themselves with that Title, are things, of so *NICE* a Constitution, that they are blasted by *smallest Storms of Adversity*.

Such Men (or rather Monsters) as these, be they *Whig* or *Tory*, to be sure will *DISLIKE* the Narrative of my *Cafe and Sufferings*, because it's writ in such *Plain English* (i. e. cause it *Flatters no Customs, Ungrateful, or Censorious Person*, he he never so *RICH INDEPENDENT*) so that I'm now justly provok'd to write *Neck For Nothing*, or *A Satyr on Every-body*, the *King and Royal Family* only excepted: for as his Majesty has never heard what I have Done and Suffer'd for his *Illustrious House*, it can no ways asperse *Spotless Goodness*, that I am left in a *straying Condition*, by those *VERY MEN* (I be to think they are *WHLIS*) that once call'd me *The Patriot of Great-britain*, for *Venturing my ALL to save it*.

But (*SIR*) lest my *Dedicatory-Visit* should prove so *Tedious* as to make you indifferent to a *Personal-One*, I will only add

May your *Worship* be as *Happy* in your *Office of Justice* Peace (and in all the *Parts of your Loyal Character*) as the *Motives* upon which you accepted it were *Just and Honourable*

—— May you be as *Easy* in your *Great Estate* (like your *father and Generous Father*) as you are to all the *World* in your *Temper*, and as your *Noble Mind* has secur'd you from *Mean and Narrow Prejudices*: May your *Integrity* protect you from *envy and Malice*; May your *Endeavours* for settling the *Peace and Happiness* of your *Country*, be as *successful* as your *Love* to it is *pure*; And (to perpetuate the *Name of the Carters*, whence I am descended) May my *Honour of being your Kinsman*, be lasting as the *Blessing* that attends it. And to that End, May your *Happiness* (which by *Consanguinity* and *Love* to your *House* is become mine) renew with the *Year*, and advance till it is *incapable of Addition*. May your *Worship*, still *Blooming*, be the *Master* of your *Fate*, while for my self I only wish that you will believe me, with all *Imaginable Zeal and Sincerity*,

Most Dear KINSMAN,

Your Very Affectionate Cousin,

And Obedient Humble Servant,

John Duntou

T H E

Secret History of *Whiggish Ingratitude*:

O R,

The Case and Sufferings

O F

Mr. John Duntou,

(Author of *Neck or Nothing*)

Detected, In a most *Humble Petition to His Majesty*, that he might not be left to *Starve in a Jail*, after venturing his *Life*, and spending his *own Estate*, in detecting the Enemies to his *Royal Person and Family* in the Worst of Times.

Regia, crede mihi, res est succurre lapsis.—OVID.

T O T H E

KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT your Majesty's faithful Subject thinking it too great a Presumption to address his Sovereign in the manner that Necessity now forces him to do, had frequent Recourse to some Persons whose high Stations and free Access to your Majesty's Presence, render'd more *capable*, as well as more *proper*, to lay his SUFFERINGS for, and SERVICES to your august Person and Illustrious House before your Sacred Majesty; but after *Three Years waiting*, and daily Experience of the *Falsity* of their Promises, he finds himself reduced to the Necessity of bringing THE WHOLE himself before your Majesty, and appeals to the Truth of the Facts herein recited, to *all the present Ministers*, as well as to all his other Fellow-Subjects: For tho' he has not the Honour to be personally known to any of the former,

(the Lord *Stanhope* excepted from whom he receiv'd a Generous Present of Guineas) yet he is well assur'd, neither that Noble Lord, nor any other Native of *England* about your Majesty's Sacred Person, are ignorant of what he did and suffer'd in the late Reiga, in Defence of your Majesty's Title to the Crown of these Realms.

Your Majesty's Faithful Subject being a Prisoner for a Trivial Disputable Debt, in the Rules of the *Fleet*, at the time when the unhappy Change of a *Good Ministry* for a *very Bad one* was made by the late Queen, saw with equal Grief and Surprize the bold Steps taken by those then at the Helm of Affairs, to destroy the Constitution both in Church and State, and their only humane Support, *your Majesty's Succession*; I cou'd by no means persuade my self to be a *calm and silent Spectator* of these things, tho some thought it Wisdom to be so; but observing the great Pains taken by one Party to lull the British World asleep, and the little Care taken by the other to inform them (I mean the meaner sort of them) of their Danger, I resolv'd to do what I could to rowze my Fellow-Protestants from their Fatal Security. In order to which, (with the Approbation of the late Marquis of *Wharton*, and Bishop of *Salisbury*) I publish'd a Book intitl'd *NECK OR NOTHING*, in which I discover'd *several Treasonable Practices* then on foot to Defeat the Protestant Succession, the only humane Security of our Religion and Liberties; and to impose on us in their stead, *POPERY*, and its inseparable Companion *SLAVERY*. 'Twas in this Essay, amongst many other important Truths, I mentioned the *Inlisting Men in Ireland for the Pretender's Service*. This was an Article that shock'd the Faith of those who had even the best opinion of my Veracity; for it coming out some Months before the *Irish Parliament's* meeting, there was nothing to support the credit of the Assertion, but my bare Character. This gave my Adversaries the Handle to asperse me with the Name of *MAD-MAN*. But as my Daring to charge *O——d* and *B———ke* with a Design to Restore the Pretender, when they were Two Royal Favourites, was the only Colour they had for calling me so, and as the Proof of my Madness; so 'twas all the Confutation they cou'd produce of my Intelligence. But I was sufficiently comforted for that Aspersion, by the Service I had done to your Majesty's Interest, my Early and Bold Discoverys (call'd *Neck or Nothing*) having open'd the Eyes of Many Thousands, to see the Danger the Protestant Succession was in, which they did not before suspect, and did engage 'em to exert themselves in the following Elections for its Security. 'Twas for this Reason that I ran the Hazard of being made a Prisoner in *Newgate* by a 'Scap Warrant, to Vote for those Four Candidates in the City of *London* that I knew was Zealous for the *Hamover Succession*, and to engag

engage several of my Fellow-Citizens in the same Glorious Cause, had made me refuse my Vote and Interest (tho both were earnestly solicited by the *Ld. Ferrimus*) to the *Tory* Members that stood for Knights of the Shire for *Bucks*; and 'twas my Grievance that I cou'd not likewise Personally attend the Elections there, where I well knew my Interest cou'd have engag'd many Hundreds for Mr. *Hampden*, (my own Estate in several Parts of that County, join'd to the good Character my *Reverend Father* and *Grandfather* had in those Parts, having given me a considerable Influence over the Electors). However, this Affliction (of being confin'd to the *Fleet-Prison*, when I wou'd have been choosing High-Knights for the County of *Bucks*) was Lessen'd to me by the Open Detection the *Irish* Parliament soon after made of what had some Months before publish'd in relation to the *Inlisting Men in that Kingdom for the Pretender's Service*. And as the Truth of my Early Discoveries (call'd *Neck or Nothing*) were confirm'd by the *Irish* Parliament some Months after their Publication, so they made all the Jacobite Secrets I afterwards publish'd (in my several Narratives intitled *Queen Robin*, *Impeachment*, and *Whig-Valty*) find an entire Credit with those who wished well to the Protestant Succession, and so highly provoked the then Secretary *Bolingbroke*, as that he sent *Six Messengers* to seize my Person and Papers, but both were remov'd from the *Fleet* Two Hours before their Search. However, neither these Dangers, nor his Threatnings, put a Moment's Stop to my Endeavours for your Majesty's Succession, I still continu'd to Write, Print and Publish, as well as Disperse at my own sole Hazard, Cost, and Charges, several small Pamphlets of the pernicious Measures then in the use of, and was assur'd both by the late Marquis of *Wharfedale* and Bishop of *Salisbury*, as well as by several Letters from several Parts of *Britain*, many of them from Persons then unknown to me, with very good Success.

I shall also presume to inform your Majesty, that I was the Occasion of wholly Defeating a Jacobite Plot that had been hatching in *Southwark*, and other Parts of the Kingdom, so near taking Effect, that the Person who first discover'd it by self and a Dissenting Minister now living in *Shadwell*, assur'd both, that the Plotters said, "They did not doubt but to see their Lawful Sovereign (for so they call'd the Pretender) crown'd King of Great-Britain in few Days, and after that to have Liberty to say Mass (OPENLY) in all our Churches. I gave the Bishop of *Salisbury* a full Account of all the Proceedings of the Jacobite Plotters from time to time, (as I had it from a Person that was concern'd with them in their Treasonable Practices) and his Lordship not only greatly commended my Courage and Zeal, in Detecting your Majesty's Enemies, (for which he was threaten'd with a private Stab, and 'twas a Miracle I escap'd)

not sell a Sacrifice to Popish Revenge and Cruelty, I being then a Prisoner in the *Fleet*) but often sent his Gentleman to me, both to assure me of a Royal Reward for my Loyal Hazards to serve the Publick, and with such Advice and Directions as his Lordship thought was necessary for your Majesty's Service, as is well known to that Dissenting Minister that I mention'd before who waited on the Bishop by his special Order, to confirm the Truth of all the Discoveries I had made to his Lordship of the Jacobite Plot that was then carrying on in *Southwark*, and other Parts of the Kingdom, and to discover the great Hazard he run of his own Life (he being often assaulted, and once shot at, by three Men whose Names were *Higgins*, *Burgoin*, and *Bosworth*) for that eminent Service he had done your Majesty, in First detecting the same Plot; For which seasonable Venture of my Life and Fortune to detect the Enemies to the Protestant Succession, All the Grateful Part of your Majesty's Subjects do earnestly desire to see me Rewarded; for tho' perhaps some (FEW) Covetous and Ungrateful Whigs may, to Magnify their own Services, endeavour to Lessen mine, yet the Reverend and Generous Author of MORDECAI's MEMORIAL has done me that great Honour, as to tell the World, 'That I have greatly Distinguished myself in your Majesty's Service, by making Discoveries that *Mora* was intrusted with but my self, or had Courage enough to resist with the Traitors accus'd, govern'd the Nation. And therefore if any Envious Detracter (or Court-Whig) should be so very Base or Ungrateful, as to deny me the Honour of being the First and Only Person that durst publish *Oxford's* and *Broughote's* Scheme to Restore the Pretender, when they were reigning Favourites, (that they may see their FALSE LUCRATIONS further Refuted, and *DUNTON* prov'd the Only Neck-Adventure in your Majesty's Service in the last Reign) they'll do well to read these Lines in *Virgil*:

————— *Pro talibus ausis*
Dii (sicut est Calo Pietasque talia curet)
Perficient Grates dignas & premia reddant
Debita. Virg. *Æn.* 2.

Thus Paraphras'd by an Ingenious Gentleman.

Ye Gods, if *Gratitude* be your Delight,
 If *Honour*, *Justice*, have not left you quite;
 If 'twas a Virtue in the worst of Times,
 To expose the worst of Men, and worst of Crimes;
 Look back on that we *Neck or Nothing* call,
 You'll own the Author ventur'd *Neck and All*.
 Then wonder not that *JACKS* suspect his Brains,
 Who but a *MAD-MAN* wou'd employ his Strains?
 Where his *NECK* ventur'd, *Neck or Nothing* gains.

When I most humbly appeal to your Majesty, if I can be too true in my Reflections upon *Whiggish-Ingratitude*, for these Ventures of *Neck or Nothing* to detect the Enemies to *Hanover Succession*, not only frighted *Ox——d* and *B——c* new Measures to conceal their *V——ny* and *T——son*, made 'em so quarrel with one another, and Lady ABIGAIL prove at large in my *New Discoveries* entitled *The Hanover-Spy, or Secret History of St. James's, from the Glorious Revolution in 88, down to the present Year*) as wholly defeated the *White Plot* that was then carrying on in the Royal Palace to restore the Pretender, and THE TWO POPISH PLOTS of Raising Men in *Ireland* for the Pretender's Service, and Hatching in *Southwark* for his Restoration, had certainly in Effect, had not the EARLY DISCOVERIES I made of (in my *Neck or Nothing*, and *Court-Spy*) timely prevented, as I can prove by many *credible Witnesses*.

Neither was I less Zealous in detecting your Majesty's Popish Enemies in the Isle of THANNET, when (of late) they were PLOTTING to Restore the Pretender by A SWEDISH INVASION, of which I'll presume to give your Majesty this brief Account, *viz.*

There was made a Discovery to me by a *Worthy Gentleman* (of the Isle of Thannet) of 'A Design of Landing Twenty Thousand Men in that Island for the Pretender's Service. This Gentleman gave me the Honour to say that I was 'The only Man of Integrity that he durst Trust with making the Discovery to the Present Ministry. Whether a Design of Landing Twenty Thousand Men in the Isle of Thannet was Matter of Fact or not, I can't assert, yet assure your Majesty that the Gentleman who made this Discovery to me, solemnly affirm'd that he receiv'd it from *Jacobites of Great Quality* (as he'd attest upon Oath before your Majesty's *Principal Secretary of State*, if his own Name, and the Names of the *Jacobites of Quality* that spake the Words might always conceal'd) that neither he nor I cou'd be seen in it, at the utmost Hazard of our Lives: However, as I never risk'd either my Life or Fortune, where I cou'd do your Majesty any Service, I immediately sent this Discovery to that truly useful and generous Patriot the Lord STANHOPE, and as I had any Answer to my Letter to this Day, I presum'd his Majesty had Notice of this intended Invasion before he receiv'd the early and seasonable Discovery I made of it.

I could farther discover to your Majesty, the NAMES of several Rich Jacobites that have promis'd me Great Rewards if they desert the Whigs, and recant of Proving the Pretender a false Impostor, and all his Adherents Knaves or Madmen. And I think I may without Vanity say, No Man is more likely to detect 'em so, than the Authr of *Neck or Nothing*; that Person

The Case and Sufferings of Mr. John Dunton,
of Honour who sent me all the Jacobite Secrets that furnish
out that Narrative (the Truth of which was afterwards confirm'd
by the Report made by the Committee of Secrecy) having promis'd
send me what farther Discoveries he can make of any Jacobite
Plots that are now carrying on against the Protestant Succession
and no Man is likely to make more Early Discoveries of Jacobite
Treason than this Person of Honour, not only as he is nearly re-
lated to several great Papists both in *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*,
as is seen by those Early Discoveries I publish'd in my *NECK
OR NOTHING*) but as he has a Friendly Correspondence with
many great Jacobites that are still in Places of Trust and Power,
I have also discover'd My Self many False Brethren amongst the
Jacobite Party, and am promis'd by a False Brother of S—
making, (provided I'll always conceal his Name, and I wou'd
Betray even a Jacobite who puts his Life in my Hand upon
solemn Promise I'll never discover him) — *Treason in Verse, or
Entire Collection of all the Jacobite Poems that have been publish'd
against your Majesty and the Royal Family since the Death of Queen
Anne, to that Treasonable Poem that was writ upon the late Mis-
understanding in the Royal Palace.*

Altho' I will never betray any Man that dares trust me upon
the Honour and Veracity of my bare Word, yet I can't but own
that this *Collection of Treasonable Poems* ought to be answer'd with
the keenest Resentment that a Loyal Subject can possibly shew
that dares venture *Neck or Nothing* in your Majesty's Service, and
therefore (if AUTHORITY will give Leave) I'll Return for
an ANSWER to 'em in VERSE, as I think they deserve.
For 'tis certain, the 'foremention'd *Collection of Jacobite Poems*
has been privately dispers'd throughout *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*
to poison the Mob, and to excite your Majesty's Subjects to a
Rebellion, and if they are not speedily and keenly answer'd
with such *Antidote Rhimes* as may expel the *Poetical-Poyson*, they
do more Mischief than some *Whigs at Court* may perhaps imagine
that don't know at what great Expence these *Treasonable Poems*
have been dispers'd, and how strangely they have corrupted
common People, who can't perceive ('till they are smartly Answer'd)
that they are no better than *Gilded Poyson*. We see an Instance
of this in the *POEM* made on the Pretender's Picture (which
has been shewn to me upon my Solemn Promise never to Discover
the Author) and in the Two Speeches made by the *Devil*
Martyr (for I have fairly prov'd *William Paul* and his Brother
Sufferer to be no better in my Essay publish'd with that Title
which had they been sold Privately, and without any Answer
to 'em, they wou'd have done more Mischief to the Protestant
Cause, than all the Treason the Jacobites have yet Plotted)
but these Two High-Church Speeches being publish'd by Authority
(and with such REMARKS as have prov'd the Rebel-Priest a

Perjur'd Justice, Two of *the Devil's Martyrs*) they have such a mortal Wound to the Jacobite Cause, that 'twill soon perish to Nothing and dye.

I am able (tho' at a great Expence) to procure an entire Collection of all the Jacobite Poems that have been (*Privately*) publish'd, to Blemish the Spotless Honour and Goodness of your Majesty's Glorious Reign, and to serve the Pretender's Interest; I could also Publish the Oath the Jacobites have taken that *Dunton* shall be the first Man they'll Hang at Tyburn, if their *Popish Idol* (which God forbid) shou'd Usurp your Majesty's Throne, and be Crown'd King, and have I thus DISTINGUISH'D my self in your Majesty's Service, that I am not the BUT of Jacobite Revenge and Spite, and shall I be PURSU'D by the Whigs for whom I ventur'd my Life and Fortune to secure to 'em that GOLDEN-AGE they now Injoy under your Majesty, and 'tis hoped will be continu'd in your Illustrious House to the World's End. BUT THUS IT IS! and I am like to Starve in a Jayl for my Expensive Hazards to Serve the Publick. However, as the Cause of the Whigs is both Just and Glorious (as 'tis the Cause of King GEORGE and English Liberties) I'll never desert either Them or Their Loyal Principles, tho they shou'd suffer me to Starve in Defence of them: therefore the *Tories, High-Church-Men, or Jacobites*, (for these are synonymous Words) do but expose themselves in time by their *Golden Baits*, for would they give me as many thousand Guineas as they gave to that False Brother Dr. S——rell for *Cursing the Hanover Succession*, I'd not wrong my Conscience so far as to espouse their Cursed Principles, or retract one word I have writ of their *Sham King* (or *Little Popish Work of Devils*) whom they Traiteouly call James the Third. And therefore I shall conclude this Head of Discoveries, with assuring your Majesty (that as the Cause of the Whigs is Bright and Honourable tho their Souls are Little and Selfish) that no Temptation either Honour or Riches, shall ever corrupt my Whiggish Principles (or Distinguish'd Loyalty to King GEORGE) and were I now in a Starving Condition (by the Necessity I lay under of selling my Rings, Plate, Watch, and *Phenix Library* (a) and consigning over my Rent to a Necessitous Creditor, that I eat the very Bread on which I subsist) I had neither troubled your Majesty with this Detection of TORY GRATITUDE to the Whigs, nor wou'd Ruin their Country (by Restoring a Popish Pretender) nor with this *Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude* to the Whigs, to venture *Neck or Nothing* to save it.

call it so, as 'tis a *Collection of scarce and valuable Pieces, to be found only in the Closets of the Curious.*

I cou'd Name many other *desperate and chargeable Hazards* that I ran of my Life and Fortune to detect the Enemies of *your Majesty and your Illustrious House* in the worst of Times; but having made a faithful and large Discovery of 'em in *Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude* (of which this Account my CASE and SUFFERINGS is a *short Abridgement*) I shou'd presume to trouble your Majesty with any farther Account of 'em here, designing to publish that (*Large*) *Secret History* in some Days (with the Title of *Mordecai's Dying Groans from the Fleet Prison*) except your Majesty, or those Faithful Patriots the Lord Stanhope, or Mr. Secretary Addison command the contrary; for having *Ruin'd my Self to save my Country*, I now lie under a Necessity of publishing these *Dying Groans*, (or *Large History of Whiggish Ingratitude*) were it for no other reason but to raise Compassion in my Fellow-Subjects that they might make such a General Purse as will pay all my Debts (or at least keep me from Starving). But as this would be some Reflection on your Majesty's Royal Bounty and Goodness (my Venture of *Neck or Nothing* being chiefly made to secure your Majesty, and the Protestant Succession in your Illustrious House) I hope I shall partake of it in so Generous a Manner that you will suppress *Mordecai's Dying Groans from the Fleet Prison* for the future make all Whiggish Ingratitude and Avarice as much abhorr'd as 'tis now practis'd at Court (tho' to the Majesty's Eternal Honour, without either your Knowledge or Consent, as will soon appear by the good Success of this my self and Case at your Royal Feet). For as my Deposition contains nothing but plain Matter of Fact, (as your Majesty's Royal Promise of *never forgetting those that have distinguished themselves in your Service*, was never yet broke, even to the meanest Subject) I'll presume to say, If *Debts* contracted in detecting your Majesty's Enemies, and the great Wants I now lie under upon that Account, will give me a Title to the Royal Bounty of a Generous Prince, I shan't fear to obtain it in some Days: For as my *Loyal Hazards*, (to secure the Protestant Succession in your Majesty's Illustrious House) cou'd not be run out of Danger from the Ministry, neither cou'd they without Expence to me, who was not assisted by One Shilling from any Person whatever, my own Paternal Estate, and when that my Credit in the *City of London*, bore the whole Charge.

Had I valu'd my own private Interest and Advantage (as I do) more than the *Welfare and Prosperity of my own Native Country and Religion*, I shou'd not have concern'd my self in State-Affairs, and then perhaps I had been in possession of that plentiful Fortune to which I was born, and I have sacrific'd to the real Service of my Country, by using my Endeavours, in every Respect, to preserve and secure the

GION, LIBERTY, and PROPERTY of it (and that by venturing *Neck or Nothing* in the several Instances before mentioned, to secure the Protestant Succession in your Majesty's *Illustrious House*). And I am sure every knowing Person must confess, That if there had not been some Active and Bold Spirits, who would not tamely submit to *Arbitrary Power*, and who durst Bravely Stem the Tide, when *Popery and Slavery*, like an Inundation was breaking in upon us, and sweeping all our *Rights and Properties* before it (I'll presume to affirm it again to your Majesty) If there had not been some such Persons, we had All most certainly, long e're now, bore the Insupportable Yoke, and been enslav'd with our Posterity for ever. Neither was my *Early, Bold and Successful ZEAL*, to detect the Enemies to my King and Country (when it lay at the Brink of Ruin) Greater than my Expence to procure and publish those Jacobite Secrets that I discover'd at the Hazard of my Life and Fortune.

Your Majesty will not wonder then that such Expensive Services, and a *Three Years* almost as Expensive an Attendance upon *Courts*, have reduc'd me to so extream a Necessity, as either to lay in this presuming manner my self at your Sacred Feet, or to serve out the remainder of my Life in a Prison.

If all these Zealous Endeavours to Detect and Defeat the Plots of a Popish Pretender, and to set the Avarice and Ingratitude of the *Court-Whigs* in a true Light, han't yet so far Distinguish'd my Services to the *Illustrious House of Hanover*, as to bring me into the Honourable Number of those Loyal Subjects whom your Majesty has promis'd from the Throne, you will never forget, I will my New Venture of *Neck or Nothing to Save the Church*, (call'd *The Pulpit Lunaticks*) will effectually do it, for I'm told my *VENTURE* of *Neck or Nothing to Save the Church* (scrib'd to that Spotless and Immortal Prelate, *Benjamin Lord Bishop of Bangor*) has been of as great Service, in shameing our Invocation Madmen out of their Spiritual Phrenzy, (for that's the best can be said of their Mad Report to promote the Pretender's Interest, by dividing and confounding the Nation, with charging an Orthodox Bishop with *Dangerous Positions and Doctrines*) as my former Venture of *Neck or Nothing* to save the Church was to Detect the Plots of a Popish Pretender, and his seduced Adherents the High-Church-Men. However, that the World may see I keep still to Matter of Fact, in all my Ventures of *Neck or Nothing* to save either Church or State, (and desire no Rewards but such as are justly due to my Loyal Hazards to the Publick) I'll (anon) implore your Majesty's Sentence of Imprisonment or Death for what I have here discover'd either of the State or Pulpit-Lunaticks, and shall desire no other Tryal, for what shall be your Majesty's Royal Sentence upon my *Neck Adventures*,

tures, I shall presume to hope that my Gracious Sovereign will think it a Distinguishing Proof both of *my Loyalty to your Sacred Person*, and of *my Love to the Naked Truth*, that I here (as we as in my Detection of the *Pulpit-Lunaticks*) give a True Character of the Bishop of BANGOR, who has Defended Revolutionary Principles in a much Brighter Manner than any Clergyman in the Kingdom besides, for *He can say what he will, and prove what he says upon all Subjects*, (but more especially the *Glorious Revolution in 88*) and his Healing and Excellent Sermon [*Of the Kingdom and Church of Christ*] is Unanswerable, as is seen by *Sh---ck*, (and other Cavilling Authors) to their Eternal Shame. For my Lord Bishop of Bangor is truly *A Right Reverend Father in God*, (i. e. He is a Primitive Bishop in Piety, Learning, Doctrine, Charity and Morals) and those *Bulky* (or *Mad*) Reports that attempt to asperse his unblemish'd Character, do but disgrace themselves (by their Advertisements) and add *new Glory to his spreading Fame*.

Neither was my *Venture of Neck or Nothing to Save Church* (intituled *The Pulpit-Lunaticks*) less Necessary and Reasonable than my *Venture of Neck or Nothing to Save the State* for 'twas made at a Time when the Spotless Honour and Veracity of the Bishop of Bangor was aspers'd with such [*Absolutely & Properly*] and other Downright (or *Bulky*) Falshoods, as my the truly Pious and Learned Dean of *Peterborough* think it necessary (in Answer to the False Accusations of the Credulous & Mis-Reporting *Sh---ck* and *Sn---pe*) to tell the World (a) I dare assure him (viz. Dr. *Sh---ck*) That if the Dean of *Peterborough* could have been an Evidence for the Bishop of *Carlisle* he would not have fail'd him as a Christian, as a Clergyman, as an old Friend; he was oblig'd, he was inclin'd *not to fail* him and he had never fail'd his Lordship in any Office of Right Justice, in any Capacity of Service, for above two seven Years together. And therefore if the Master by his Tropes and Figures would imply, that the Dean could have been his Lordship's Evidence against the Bishop of *Bangor*, but was by *some Metaphor* (of Hope suppose, or Terror) *induc'd to fail him*, he thereby makes the whole Story again his *own*, and ought in common honesty to bring some new Evidence for it, or to take the Shame of being a false Accuser of his Brethren. The Dean can do more than seriously resolve to insert it as a part of his last Will and Testament, and to repeat it in his Dying-Words (if God permit) *That he never did assist the Lord Bishop of Bangor in any of his Writings whatsoever, and never did make, offer, or suggest any Amendment or Alteration whatsoever in his Lordship's Preface, or in his Sermon of the Kingdom of Christ; and n*

(a) In his Treatise intituled *Dr. Sn---pe instructed, &c.*

did see the Copies, or any Part of them, before they were printed and published; and that he never did say to the Bishop of Carlisle, or to any other Mortal, that he did so assist the Bishop of Bangor, or amend any Passage in his Writings.

By this solemn Protestation in Dean Kennet's WILL, 'tis fairly prov'd to your Majesty, that the Lord Bishop of Bangor has not only been falsely Accus'd by a P--late that boasts of his *Bulky Reputation* till he has lessen'd it beneath that of the poorest Wretch that wou'd prefer an *Honest Character* to the See of Durham (or the greatest Bishoprick in your Majesty's Gift). Neither hath the Lordship been better us'd by the High-Church Dissenters, that Preach in Conventicles and Private Alleys) or *Preaching-bells*, that Cant every Sunday of the CHURCH's DAN-
 THER, on purpose to RESTORE a Popish PRETENDER. And for that reason Dr. Kennet (Dean of Peterborough) to his immortal Honour, has told the World (a) that 'Tis natural for Men of Ambition [*i. e.* for such Hereditary-Canters, or Anti-Revolution Priests, that Mis-Report the Lord Bishop of Bangor] to press and thrust forward in every Place, to form themselves into a strenuous Body, to boast of their Numbers, and the Force of them, to propagate strange Notions by Dint of their own Authority, to impose them upon the People under the Sanction of the Church, or in the Name of it; to magnify the Sovereign Powers, when in Grace and Good Humour with them; to oppose and resist them when not gratify'd by them; [and I'll presume to add to the Dean's Charge, how would they have rebell'd, even in the Pulpit, had they ventur'd *Neck Nothing?*] 'to work most upon the weaker Princes, and to hurt the People when they are easier to be deceiv'd; to lay Dark Schemes at a Distance, to let them run under-ground, and rise again, and sink again, as they please; to be one and all in pushing a main Design, and making every Step subservient to it; to shew no regard to the Obligations of Oaths when they are pinch'd with the Force of them; and to make them very tremendous, when they are given on their side; to preach up *Sedition* when they are out of Favour, and *Absolute Obedience* when they are in; to drop their old Principles if they no longer serve their Turn, and yet to acknowledge no Change in themselves; to run down every Body that stands in their way, however Good or Great, and to applaud every sorry Creature that will become their Tool; and to keep up a Majority at least among the Women and Boys. These Men (*continues Dr. Kennet*) to whatever Protestant Church or Country they belong, are according to their more potent Condition, the very JESUITS of the Reformation. I'll presume to add to the Dean's Words) the only Reporting

(a) In his late Treatise intitled, *Dr. Snape instructed*.

12 *The Case and Sufferings of Mr. John Dunton,*
Members of the Lower-House of Convocation that are Enemies to
my Liege of *Bangor*, or that have censur'd his Excellent Sermon upon
the Kingdom and Church of Christ; and therefore I hope my Resolu-
tion to live and die in Defence of Bishop HOADLY's Orthodox
and Loyal Positions and Doctrines, will give me some Distinction
in your Majesty's Favour, or at least prove I shall always defend
the Piety and Justice of Revolution-Principles (against the Con-
vocation Rebels, for they are no better that defame an Orthodox
Bishop for his distinguish'd Loyalty to King GEORGE) whilst
I can use either SWORD or PEN, or am in MY RIGHTS
AND PRIVILEGES.

How far these Bold Discoveries (or Loyal Hazards) to fix the
Crown on your Majesty's Head, have deserv'd a distinguish'd
Mark of your Royal Favour, (or in plainer English, such a BOUN-
TY or PENSION as may not only pay all my Debts, but make
my future Life a little easy and comfortable) I willingly submit
to the Determination of my Gracious Sovereign: For as the Lord
G——ph said of an Honest Gentleman (that had discover'd
Bold Truths as some Court-Misers could not digest) *That he ought
to be either Hang'd or Rewarded for his Plain-Dealing*; so I do
not but those Whig-Statesmen whose Avarice and Ingratitude
have here detected, will say the same of him that writes *Iron's
Case* (tho' common Justice, as well as Necessity forces him to
lay it at your Majesty's Feet). However we (now) live in a Reign
where Truth does not pass for Treason, nor no Man hang'd with-
out a fair Tryal, and therefore I freely submit my CASE (and
Discoveries) to your Majesty's Royal Sentence, and I hope (to
use the Words of that Faithful Patriot the Lord G——phin) 'twill be
this, *That John Dunton shall be presently Hang'd, or Rewarded.*
The last part of this Sentence will be greatly dislik'd both by your Ma-
jesty's and the Kingdom's Enemies, and for no other reason but
that the Author of *Neck or Nothing* has publish'd such Plain English
that no Man has had the Honesty or Courage to speak but DUNTON
either in this or the last Reign; and therefore no doubt but
Court-Whigs whose Avarice and Ingratitude is here detected,
think Hanging the fittest Punishment for a *Plain Dealer*; and if
I do, I shall very Loyally put the Halter about my NECK,
choose rather to be Hang'd at once, than to be Repriev'd for
any other reason than that I might Starve all the way to my Goal,
which I must do, if I am confin'd to the Fleet-Prison for the
Sum of One Thousand Pounds.

This Ingratitude (of imprisoning the Author of *Neck or
Nothing*, for Debts contracted in the Service of the Royal Fa-
mily 'tis believ'd is wholly unknown to your Majesty; for thro' the
whole Reign has been Bright and SPOTLESS, yet I shan't
be able to say, That if your Majesty excels in one Vertue more
than another, 'tis that of (Nobly) Rewarding such as deserve it

That Reason that Eminent Clergyman who writ the Narrative of my Publick Services (intituled *Mordecai's Memorial*) Greatly complains that the Whigs at Court (though they know I have risk'd my Self to Save my Country) han't yet inform'd your Majesty that *Nothing is done for me*, and that tho' they know my Hereditary Distempers the *Stone* and *Rheumatism* render me unfit for any Publick Place, that I must now unavoidably *Starve* *Fayl* (after venturing my Life, and spending my own Estate detecting the Plots of a Popish Impostor) if your Majesty's Royal Bounty does not set me above the Rage and Cruelty of Trading-Canibals (or Merciless Creditors) who make Dice humane Bones, and think 'tis some Satisfaction for a Desperate Debt, when they can Starve their Prisoner by a long Confinement. But I hope there's no danger of my being thus Buried Alive for my Faithful Service to my King and Country, for 'tis ever my Opinion, *That if your Majesty was perfect in the Exercise of any Virtue, 'twas that of A Generous Gratitude to all who have Distinguish'd themselves in your Service.* I don't speak without of respect to my own Advancement, for I can with truth say, *I had no Rewards in view when I first ventur'd my Life and Embarras'd my Fortune to Serve your Majesty*; and (next to paying Debts, and dying with a good Conscience) I only desire my Royal Hazards may be Rewarded, that your Majesty's Royal Gratitude, and a Whig-Ministry may be no longer censur'd on this Account. And I think no Man can doubt this that reads MORDECAI'S MEMORIAL, where the Reverend Author tells the World, 'I had never concern'd my self in Mr. Dunton's Affair now, did I not think, nay know, the King's Honour, as well as the Ministry's, concern'd in Rewarding his Publick Services. The Body of Dissenters, (who to a Man are all Hearty Lovers of King GEORGE) nay all our Country Whigs Mourn at his being Neglected; his Reputation stands so fair in the British World, that 'twill look ill not to regard the Man. And therefore (continues the Reverend Author of this Memorial) I have in the best Manner I was able, pleaded the Cause of the poor Man who serv'd the City, and whom no Man remember'd—— Thus far the Reverend Author of *Mordecai's Memorial*: and I presume to add to his Words, 'That if it be the Desire of the whole Nation that *Mordecai's* Distinguish'd Loyalty shou'd be Rewarded, they can be no Real Friends to your Majesty (let 'em be either *Whig* or *Tory*) that by Concealing or misrepresenting his *Neck-Adventures to Serve the Publick* do all they can to prevent it, and thereby Blemish your Majesty's partial Rewards to all your Loyal Subjects of *Great-Britain*, without any manner of Reason, for the Neglect of Rewarding any Publick Services lies wholly at their Doors who have neither wanted Opportunity nor a full Conviction of the Truth of my

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14 *The Case and Sufferings of Mr. John Dunton,*
my Services and Sufferings, which is a most aggravated Ingratitude in those Court-Whigs who have raised their Fortunes by Loyal Hazards to Serve the Publick, as my Creditors will see at large, (*In a Weekly Petition to your Majesty's Royal Honour, Fidelity, Gratitude, and the rest of your Princely Virtues*) if this Abre-
ment of Whiggish Ingratitude, ADDRESS'D to your Majesty not bless'd with that good Success as All my Fellow-Citizens (true Friends to the *Hanover* Succession) both expect and hope for (*viz.* A compleat Deliverance from all my Troubles). With great Blessing (tho we can merit nothing from God Almighty yet) I have the greater hopes to expect it, as I desire a Good Estate for no other reason but ——— *To pay all my Debts* ——— *to requite those Winter Friends that never deserted me in any Difficulties* ——— *To purchase the common Necessarys of Life* ——— *And* ——— *To be very kind to the Poor, and all Men in Distress, be they what Party they will* ——— For as I had the honour to be the eldest Son of a very Pious, Learned, and Moderate Divine of the Church of England (*viz.* Mr. John Dunton, late Rector of *St. Andrew's* in *Bucks*) and to be Son-in-Law to that Famous Dissenting Minister, Dr. Samuel Annesly (formerly Minister of *Cripplegate* and most deservedly valu'd for his great Piety, Learning, and Charity) I shall ever have a most sincere Love and Compassion for all true Protestants of any Denomination, provided they be hearty Lovers of King George and their Native Country, which is the Distinguishing Character of all the Protestant Dissenters in *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, for I not only printed their Celebrated MORNING EXERCISES, (by which means I came acquainted with all the most Eminent Dissenting Ministers that have bless'd your Majesty's Realms with their Excellent Preaching and Holy Lives) but had the Honour to be intimately acquainted with the Reverend Dr. Samuel Annesly (the chief Supporter of that Pious and Excellent Work) many Years, and do affirm upon my own Knowledge, for that Ten Months I liv'd in his Family that he never *Tray'd* in his House (which he did constantly every Morning and Evening, I wish I could say the same of our High Church Men. that boast so much of their Loyalty) but he *Pray'd* for the King and the Royal Family. And the same was prov'd of that Eminent Dissenting Minister Mr. Roswell, when he was try'd and acquitted for his Distinguish'd Loyalty to *Charles* the second, (for that was all the Crime the perjur'd Informers could prove against him). So that 'tis evident the Protestant Dissenters are as great Friends to Monarchy (as those that Cant so much of the Martyrdom of *Charles* the First) and being all Men of true Pious, Loyal and Healing Principles, I hope 'twon't be long before we shall see such an *Act of Comprehension* (or Bill for union of Protestants) as will convince all your Majesty's Subjects that we ought to be United in Affection, as well as Interest; for 'tis

PULPIT-INCENDIARIES (such as *Sacheverell, Higgins, Wel-* that have made the Right Way to Heaven harder to find than ally is; for (to use the Words of Archbishop *Tillotson*) *We are in every thing, and Quarrel about nothing.*'Twas K. William (ever-glorious Memory) that declar'd on his Death-Bed, *He is a Christian of a Comprehensive Charity*; and I resolve, as far as possibly I can, to imitate this truly Christian Temper towards such as dissent from me in lesser Matters, (viz. in a few Rites & Ceremonies) no ways essential to Salvation. And therefore I can't confine my Kindness (or Charity) to one Sect more than another, but to the truly Honest and Charitable Person of all Perswasions. For tho I resolve to live and dye in the Communion of the Church of *England*, (a Church your Majesty has always Protected, and greatly Distinguish'd with your Royal Favors) yet I shall never repine to see the signal Services of a Protestant Dissenter Rewarded, any more than I shall that of a Churchman (so call'd by those Railing Priests that want to continue their old Trade of *Persecuting Tender Consciences*) for they much deserve to partake of ROYAL GRANTS or FAVOURS (they now do in several Parts of the Kingdom) as those that bear the Name of True (or Moderate) Churchmen. And therefore I can't forbear taking this Opportunity to inform your Majesty, 'That 'tis a very Great Hardship to the Protestant Dissenters, (as they are exceeded by none in Loyalty and Affection to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government) that they are not put into an EQUAL Capacity of Serving your Majesty with the rest of their Fellow-Subjects (by a *Repeal of those Persecution-Laws they now groan under*) for this would not only Strengthen the Protestant Interest in *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, but by uniting Mens Affections in your Majesty's Interest, and to one another in Brotherly Love, wou'd make a fort Heaven upon Earth. And therefore (to use those excellent Words in the late Address to your Majesty) *'We doubt not but that all Protestants will by the happy Influence of your Majesty's Administration, be United; and that part of them who at present by Law are excluded, put upon an Equal Foot with their Fellow Subjects, so the Hands of the Church of England may be Strengthened against the Papists and their cursed Adherents, who build their Houses on nothing so much as the DIVISIONS now amongst*

(says the Ingenious Author of *The Defection consider'd*) it is true of a Kingdom divided in it self, that it cannot stand, and no doubt hold as strongly of any Party in a Nation if by chance to be at Variance among themselves; and therefore no doubt every true Friend to his Country and the Protestant Succession in your Majesty's Illustrious House, will do all that lies in his power, to Encourage and Unite the Friends to the

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‘ the present Government, and to Discourage its Enemies.
 (to use the Words of the foremention’d Author) ‘ *Can a Govern-
 ‘ ment long be Safe, which neglects all lawful Means for Wea-
 ‘ ning its Enemies, and Strengthening its Friends?* And there
 ‘ certainly those Loyal Whigs that venture *Neck or Nothing*
 ‘ *your Majesty’s Service*, ought to be all rewarded, or at least
 ‘ above the daily Fears of Arrests and Starving; for ’tas been
 ‘ serv’d in all Reigns from *Charles I.* down to the Death of
 ‘ late Majesty, that when a Mean Courtship has been made
 ‘ those in Power to the *Tories* or High-Churchmen, they
 ‘ not only Divided and Confounded the Nation, but (as oft
 ‘ their Prince has confided in them) have brought it to the B
 ‘ of Ruin.

Thus I have presum’d to lay my CASE and SUFFERING
 at *your Majesty’s Feet* in such *A Faithful Detection* (or *SECRET
 HISTORY*) of *Whiggish Ingratitude* and *Avarice*, as will gr
 SURPRIZE *your Royal Person and Family*, and FULLY C
 VINCE *your Majesty’s Loyal Subjects* (who HEINOUSLY re
 it that the *Whigs at Court* have SO LONG deferr’d inform
your Majesty of my *Loyal Hazards* in detecting the Enemies
your Illustrious House) that Mr. *R-b--t W——pole* is not the
 WHIG-MINISTER who solemnly Promis’d me to inform
Majesty of my *Early, Hazardous, and Successful Venture* of
or Nothing to Secure THE HANOVER SUCCESSION, w
 out (ONCE) speaking to *your Majesty* about it. However
 being MY DEPLORABLE CASE, as well as my Real S
 ments both of *your Majesty’s FRIENDS* and ENEMIES, after
Secret and Impartial Search into their Religion, Conversation,
 Loyalty, I hope my Gracious Sovereign will pardon the Bol
 of this Address from an Honest and Faithful Subject, who n
 thought any Expence or Danger fit to be put in Compet
 with his Duty to his King and Country. Indeed, I blush to
 a Begging Address to a Monarch of *your Majesty’s Generosity*,
 never reflect on *your Royal Goodness* in ordering me such an u
 serv’d Mark of your Gracious Acceptance of my Loyalty (as
 small Instance of it which the Count de *Bothmar* did me the
 nour to present to *your Majesty*, call’d THE GOLDEN
 without being sensibly touch’d with *your Majesty’s* Condesce
 and Goodness to so mean a Subject. I never look on the
 DAL *your Majesty* was then graciously pleased to order me,
 out observing how justly *your Majesty* claims the Affections as
 as Duty of your Subjects, and how fully *your Majesty* makes
 that gracious Promise made us in your first Speech, NEVER
 forget THOSE WHO HAVE DISTINGUISH’D TH
 SELVES IN YOUR SERVICE, relying on this Gracious Pro
 and *your Majesty’s* known Goodness, and comparing both
 the whole Course of *your Majesty’s* most Wise and Graciou
 me.

honour towards all your Subjects, that not only as many of
se as have faithfully served your Majesty (and are so happy as
have their Services made known to your Majesty) are Nobly
warded, but that even the worst of Subjects (REBELS) have
ed of *your Royal Clemency*. When I consider this, I can't for-
t humbly hoping that the poor Author of *Neck or Nothing*
y likewise share of *your Majesty's Bounty*, tho' were my Estate
d from an Incumbrance of a Thousand Pounds, mostly con-
ted in *your Majesty's Service*, or not shack'd with a Jointure,
that it could clear it self, I beg leave humbly to assure *your*
esty, so greatly does the Joy of seeing *your Majesty* firmly e-
ish'd on the Throne of your Ancestors, in spite of the Ma-
ations of all your Enemies, compensate all my Sufferings, my
ards and Expences to secure, as much as in me lay, the Inva-
le Blessing of *your Majesty's Reign*, that I should never desire
other Reward; and tho' I may complain of an Ungenerous
tment from a Fellow Subject, I shall even without a Sigh,
nd the Remainder of my Days in a Prison, if my Gracious
reign is pleas'd to have it so, and whatever Fate *your Majesty*
o under God justly claims all my Duty, and disposes of my
re being here) is pleas'd to order for me (whether Liberty
onfinement) I shall still remain in the Integrity of my Soul,
love, Honour and Serve your Sacred Majesty, to the utmost
acity of a Loyal, Dutiful and Affectionate Subject (for not
g able to govern Events, I endeavour to govern My-Self) and
much rather Starve in the Service of King George, than to
the Honour of being a Lord High-Treasurer to a Popish
ender.

ad that CELEBRATED PATRIOT Sir Richard S——,
(as the Reverend Author of *Mordecai's Memorial* has fairly
d) never ran the Fortieth Part of those Desperate Hazards
h I did in the late Reign to detect *your Majesty's* Enemies
so long without a Royal Reward for his Excellent (tho' no
s Hazardous) Service, as I have lain in a Starving Condition
want of having those NECK-ADVENTURES told to *your*
esty, he would have TATTLED louder against the INGRA-
UDE of a Whig-Ministry than I have done either in this
ative of my Case and Sufferings, or in my *Larger History of*
ish Ingratitude (now ready for Publication); But *Kissing*
y Favour, and Sir Richard having Friends at Court that have
access to *your Majesty*, he has not only received such a Royal
y as has paid his Debts, and set him above all future Fears
ing Arrested, but (as 'tis said) ' *Now possesses above Two Thou-*
d Pounds a Year in Places, and is still in pursuit of Greater Pre-
ment; and no doubt (having Whig-Dukes, Earls, Lords and
nets to inform *your Majesty* of the Great Service he has done
Kingdom by his Loyal and Excellent CR——SIS) will obtain

18 *The Case and of Sufferings Mr. John Dunton,*
 is as a just Reward for his Distinguish'd Loyalty to the House of
Hanover; Whereas the Height of my Ambition is only to be out
 of Debt, and to enjoy such an annual Pension (for my Early and
 Successful Venture of NECK OR NOTHING to Serve your Majesty) as may deliver me from those Pinching Difficulties under
 which I am now Groaning, and which were so afflicting to D
 OATES, that upon his complaining to King Charles the Second
 of the Ingratitude he met with from his Tory-Ministers, the
 Generous Prince not only gave him a Royal Bounty to pay his
 Debts, but a PENSION of Five Hundred Pounds a Year for Life.
 But whatever my Fate be, either a Royal Bounty, or to be Buried
 in the Fleet-Prison, I shall think it Honour, Justice, and
 Reward enough to Live or Dye by your Majesty's Own SENTENCE.

'Tis true, Self-Preservation is the Great Law of Nature, and
 therefore I can't but own to your Majesty that it greatly afflicts
 me, that after being Born a Gentleman and Bred a Scholar, and
 Heir to an Estate of above Four Thousand Pounds in Land, that
 I must now be forc'd to spend (or rather Starve out) my few
 Remaining Days in a Prison, for the want of that very Money
 which I freely spent out of my own Pocket in the Service of my
 King and Country; But if 'tis your Majesty's Royal Pleasure that
 I shall live and dye in the Fleet-Prison, the Will of the Lord be
 done, for I shall always practice that Passive-Obedience to my
 Lawful Sovereign as the High-Churchmen only pretend to, and
 had I any thing Dearer than Life, it should freely go to Secure
 King William's LEGACY (the Protestant Succession in the Illu-
 strious House of *Hanover*) for I lately ventur'd Neck or Noth.
 in your Majesty's Service, and tho I should ne'er be Reward
 for it, will always affirm,

*He either fears his Fate too much,
 Or his Desert's but small,
 That dares not put it to the Touch,
 To gain or lose it all.*

And therefore that Loyal and Ingenious Gentleman, who is
 so far consider'd the *Defection at Court*, as to set the Designs
 those who Divided the Friends of the Government in a true Light
 seeing the Necessity of this Resolution, has had the Honour and
 Courage to tell the World, ' If the Whigs have no Mind to
 ' risk in the Harbour, after having escap'd so many Storms
 ' Sea, they must now resume their former Bravery, [and I v
 ' add *Gratitude* to the *Neck-Adventurers* in your Majesty's Servi
 ' and when Men are so Happy as to have such Leaders who
 ' as much above Fear, as Covetousness, or Corruption, COURAGE
 ' naturally defends and inspires a whole Party.

And surely the Example of a Sovereign who shews so much Resolution and Steadiness in all his Actions, must influence hisoyal Subjects, and make them act with Vigour and Unanimity, preventing the Designs of Ill [*i. e.* Ungrateful and Covetous] Men, who to throw us into Confusion, have been every where not only Industrious to create Divisions and Faction, but so very Selfish (or Partial) to their own Relations and Friends, to Reward few that (like the Author of this *Humble Address* to your Majesty) have ventur'd *Neck or Nothing* to Defeat the Pretensions of a Popish Pretender, and to fix the Crown upon the Head of that Rightful and Ever-Glorious Prince that now wears the Crown to the entire Satisfaction of every sincere Protestant (or Real Englishman) in the British Dominions.

And as a proof of this Steady Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government, I'll conclude this *Abridgment of Whiggish Ingratitude* with informing your Majesty, that on *Tuesday*, January 27th, 1718. one of the Tide-Waiters of the Customs seized on board an English Ship from Holland, a Rich SWORD of curious Workmanship, Scimiter-Fashion, two Foot of the Blade long, and very much Perfum'd, with the Pretender's Effigies, and the Titles of *James the 3^d*, &c. on one side; and on the other the following Lines, *viz.*

*With this Good Sword thy Cause I will maintain,
And for thy Sake, Oh! James, I'll breathe each Vein.*

This SWORD, no doubt, was sent as a Present to some Jacobite of Quality that's now in a New Plot against your Majesty's Person and Dignity: And if that *Person of Honour* who sent me those Early Discoveries that furnish'd out *Neck or Nothing*, could by his distinguish'd Zeal in your Majesty's Service, get me Information what New Treason is now Plotting against your Royal Family, (as the Experience he has already had of my Fidelity to him, and to your Majesty's illustrious House, will encourage him to trust me with it) I'll publish it to the whole World, tho' the Discovery of it should go as long Unrewarded as TEN VENTURES of *Neck or Nothing* to Detect your Majesty's Enemies have yet done, or should end in my Perpetual Imprisonment (or Lingring Death) for *True Loyalty* (as well as *Truth*) is its own Reward, and I had much rather Starve in your Majesty's Service, than live a distinguish'd Favourite to a Popish Pretender.

And that your Majesty may be farther assur'd that 'twas ever my Opinion that ——— Poverty, Rags, a Jail, Starving, and Death it self—(if got in your Royal Service) is preferable to Honour, Riches, Pension, or even a Knighthood, receiv'd from a Popish King, I'll presume to add to this Address to your Ma-

22 *The Case and Sufferings of Mr. John Dunton,*
jestly a POEM that was deliver'd to me by the Ingenious
Mr. George Jefferys, who assur'd me 'twas writ by a young Gentleman of a Noble Family, and Heir to a vast Estate; and therefore tho' the Noble BARD who sent it, has run so high in Praise as to make me (even) Blush to publish it, yet as the POEM contains a Grateful Acknowledgment of my Loyal Hopes to Serve *your Majesty*, (and can't be conceal'd or alter'd without disobliging my Generous Unknown Friend that sent it) I shall present it to *your Majesty* as 'twas sent to me in the following Words.

A POEM, Humbly Inscrib'd to Mr. JOHN DUNTON, Author of that Excellent Book (or Loyal Irony) intituled, Seeing Believing; or, King George prov'd a U—per, and his whole Reign one continu'd Act of C—lty and Op—

VIRTUS POST FUNERA VIVIT.

Go on — *Ask Dunton* (a) to espouse our Cause,
Assert our Rights, our Liberties and Laws;
Your Sense is solid, and your Thoughts divine,
And *STANHOPE* shines in your Immortal Line (b).
You boldly Iath the Vices of this Age,
Nor fear the *Jacks* envenom'd spiteful Rage.
Oh! did Great *GEORGE* (our Rightful Monarch) know
What's Due to you, what mighty Debts he owes,
No doubt, his Kingly Bounty he'd extend,
To One so Loyal, and so True a Friend.
ON therefore (SIR) no threatening Dangers fear,
Merit express'd deters a Patriot's Care (c).
Boldly pursue your HAZARDS; never end,
Till stubborn *TORIES* to our Monarch bend;

(a) Alluding to Mr. Dunton's Celebrated Tract, intituled, *Nothing or Nothing, promis'd to detect his Majesty's Enemies when Oxford and Bolingbroke were both in Power.*

(b) That *Loyal and Excellent Character* that Mr. Dunton gives of the Lord Stanhope (in his Essay intituled *The Shortest Vantage with the King; or, Plain English spoke to his Majesty*) is exact.

(c) This is asserted by the Reverend Author of *Mordecai's World, who tells the World in pag. 16. of that Ingenious Treatise* 'It is so far from being below the Greatest Men in Britain to espouse the Cause of Poor Mr. Dunton, that they cou'd not do themselves more Honour; it is no less than their Duty, and Debt of Gratitude they owe, and the neglect of it would render them Dishonourable and Mean.

Each with Heart Sincere and Pure, do pay
 Firm Obedience to Great *GEORGE*'s Sway,
 The *GOLDEN-AGE* can spring no other way!
 The *GOLDEN-Age*! when all Mankind were blest'd.
 (When then the *Talion-Law* was in request,
 & *Chancery-Courts* were kept in ev'ry Breast).
 Tery Mobs or * *Rebel-Priest*, we find,
 Was the *Golden-Age*, and ev'ry thing was kind.
 The *Golden-Age*, a meer Poetick Flight (a) !
 But by King *George* reviv'd, is now so Bright,
 That in *His* Reign we have the Real Sight,
 Which Jacks Usurping call, but is a just and legal Right.
 No *Usurper* ever yet was seen,
 Except in *Cromwell's* Time, and *Popish* Reigns
 (SIR) your loyal Wit might well presage,
 That *George's* Reign would prove a *Golden-Age* (b) ;
 For all BELIEVE what they do plainly SEE
 Usurping Kings are only such as be
 Bites at Heart, or Rule by Tyranny :
 That's have no Right to Rule the Common-Weal,
 But what's a Sham, or stamp'd with Popish Zeal.
 As *Dunton* Bites the Jacks by Irony, (c)
 The loyal way of giving Knaves the Lye!
 That would a Monster make of *Monarchy*.
 With *Head* to Protestant *Body* join !
 When swear the Monstrous-Reign is *Right Divine*,
 To use a *Sham Hereditary-Line*.
 REVOLUTION is the Peoples Right,
 Where Monarchs make their Reign a ROYAL-BITE.
 As *Dunton* you prove, and like—*A Man of Parts*,
 None are KINGS but what (d) Usurp our Hearts.
 The Love to Kings that makes their *Right Divine*,
 Now is seen in Royal *George's* Line :
 Would it be (as he's the *Best* of Men)
 Were he asks ONE Heart, we'd (Gladly) give him TEN

Parson Paul lately Executed at Tyburn is here meant.
 That is, *The Golden-Age* was a meer Fiction till the late
 Issue of Guineas made it Real.
 Mr. *Dunton* writ a Book intitl'd *The Golden-Age*, for which
 Majesty order'd him a *Gold Medal*.
 This is largely prov'd in Mr. *Dunton's* Five Essays, intitl'd
The Manifesto of John the Second — *The Royal Intrigue of*
Arming-Pan — *Queen Robin* — *Ox* — *and Bull* —
Frank Scammony.

By *Usurpation* here is only meant the absolute Conquest of
 Affections (to our great Advantage) tho' against our Wills.

Thus

23 *The Case and Sufferings of Mr. John Dunton,*
 Thus SEEING's BELIEVING, and can find no Flaw,
 Where *Kings* are *Fathers*, and are made by Law.
 What Monarchs thus Usurp, are Kings indeed !
 The rest are TYRANTS (*Kings of Nero's Breed*).
 That Revolution-Principles agree,
 With Honour, Justice, and True Monarchy,
 We see, Great GEGRGE, Exemplify'd in Thee
 ' Heaven first decreed Great *George* should Reign, and then
 ' Consenting Nations gave their Loud AMEN.
 ' The Peoples Voice proclaiming God's Decree,
 ' Doth shew at last that Heaven and Earth agree,
 ' There should be One Good King, and This is he.
 Then Hail Bold *Dunton*, in whose daring Veins,
 The Blood of PATRIOT-MARTYRS bravely Reigns.
 Shall hair-bain'd *Tories* with their *Right Divine*,
 Bring in a *Perkin*, or a *Simmels* Line,
 Whilst you can Print, or I Invoke the *Nine* (a) ?
 No (Sir) they shan't, the Fates can never do
 That Wrong to us, if they be just to you :
 Our Stars, Brave *JOHN*, do better things portend,
 You're our *St. George*, our Champion, and our Friend,
Britannia from the Dragon to defend.
 Then there's no fear that thou shou'd'st Starve in Jayl,
 If *Royal Bounty* stoops to be thy Bail ;
 Or there's a *STANHOPE* in the Treasurer's Seat,
 That knows Rewarded Merit makes Him Great.
 But whether *Neck* or *Nothing* be thy Fee,
 (That's if Advanc'd, or Unrewarded be)
 My humble Muse in Gratitude to Thee
 With Pointed Satyr shall thy Foes defeat,
 And Lawrels gain'd by her, lay at Thy Feet.

(a) *The Nine Muses are here meant.*

The Hanover-Spy :

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Secret History of St. James's.

From the Reign of *Queen Robin*, down
to the late Misunderstanding in the
Royal Palace.

was sent in LETTERS by a *Person of Honour* (now
living at Court) and Inscrib'd to Mr. JOHN DUNTON,
Author of *Neck or Nothing*.

DUNTON,

Having had Experience of your great Fidelity in the late Reign,
concealing the Name and Quality of that Person of Ho-
nour which sent you those Jacobite Secrets that furnish'd out
your *Nothing*; and finding no Golden Bait could tempt you
to betray your Trust (at a Time when my Honour and Safety
were wholly at your Mercy) upon the same Promise of *Eternal*
Friendship, I shall now send you *A Second Packet of Court Secrets*,
and will continue to send you what farther Discoveries I can
make at St. James's, as often as any thing occurs that deserves
Publication. And as my Design is *A Private Search into the Fa-
miliar Cabinets, Misses, Politicks, Conversation, and Morals, of*
the great Men at Court, I'd have you intitle my Discoveries,
The Hanover Spy; or, Secret History of St. James's, from the
Reign of Queen Robin, down to the late Misunderstanding in the
Royal Palace. — In which Discoveries, I won't tire you with
Comparisons from the Writings of other Authors, but will
send you such A Living or Experimental Secret History of St.
James's, as shall consist (chiefly) of such Secrets both in Church
and State as I have been Privy to, or can Prove by Persons *now*
living

living at Court. 'Tis true, 'tis necessary you should always conceal my Name, as I receive those Discoveries which I send you, from Papists of Great Quality, that are nearly Related to me, and whose Names I have promis'd shall be ever a Secret (and I have taken effectual Care they shall ever be so, by letting no Person but Mr. *Dunton* know from what Hand they come) But tho my Person must be conceal'd (for the Reasons before mention'd) yet that no Sceptick may doubt the Truth of any of those Discoveries I send to you, I here assure you, I have laid an Interest at several Earls Houses, purely to serve you with Early and Good Intelligence; and therefore (seeing my Person shall be always a Secret) I desire for the future you'd give me no other Title than the *The Hanover Spy*, as the main End of my Correspondence with you is to Detect the Enemies to that Illustrious House, and to do Publick Justice to its true Friends, which the Early Discoveries I sent you of *Ox—rd's* and *Lingbroke's* Scheme to Restore the Pretender, is a known Proof (and such as was fully confirm'd by the Report made by the *Committee of Secrecy*.) And therefore I don't wonder you complement me largely on my Former Discoveries, since the Early Notice I gave you of the *Commissions* (for Lifting Men in *Ireland* for the Pretender's Service) gave your *Neck or Nothing* a great Reputation. You had the *Second* hint of it of any Man in *England*, and the *First* any Writer. Its being at first look'd on as a Chimera, did you do great Service, when the Irish Parliament took that Notice of your Book as to search into the Matter, which was owing to a Letter to one of its prime Members, to inspect the Affair, presenting you as a Person that would not write by Chance, and the Discovery of the Truth of Matter of Fact, gain'd you abundance of Friends, and I hope has laid a good Foundation for a Reward from that Illustrious House you serv'd by it, which I hope you will hear will be very Grateful. And since by my present Absence from *London*, the chief Spring of True and Valuable Intelligence will be shut up from you (after publishing those Discoveries now I send you) I advise you to meddle only with Divine Subjects, lest by a False or Frivolous Intelligence, you lose the Merit and Reputation you have already acquir'd. Write not of Politics till my Return, that can, and will then let you know Faithfully what Discoveries will be acceptable to the Court, and safe to me to write with; which, believe me, your other Friends cannot inform you, no more than I can in my Retreat; where assure you of my hearty Prayers and good Wishes, That you may partake of that ROYAL REWARD (for your Early and successful Hazards in Detecting his Majesty's Enemies) that you have so long and so Greatly deserv'd, and I hope will farther at my Return to *London*, as I shall then send you (Weekly) a Packet of Court Secrets, as will not only (Properly) give

The Title of *Hanover-Spy*, but will convince the KING (and every Branch of his Illustrious House) how justly He deserves to be DISTINGUISH'D in his Royal Favour, that dares venture his NECK (or a private Stab) in their Publication.

Mr. *Dunton*, As to the Discoveries I have now sent, you have leave to Methodize and Publish 'em as you think fit, and you may depend upon it, that (as you were the First Projector of *The Athenian Oracle*, a Member of the Athenian Society, and ever a Lover of Lovelties) I will make good my Promise of sending you *A Compleat Secret History of St. James's, from the reign of Queen Robin, down to the late Misunderstanding in the Royal Palace*, (with what other NOVELTIES occur Weekly, so long as I continue at Court). But that I might set those Discoveries (relating to *Queen Robin*) in the better Light, I have found it necessary to look back as far as the Restoration of *Charles the Second*, not only as I can make several Discoveries concerning the *Two Royal Brothers* (a), that have hitherto lain conceal'd, but as my looking so far back as the Restoration, will enable me to discover to you the RISE of that *SACHEVELISM* (or Conspiracy of Iniquity) that is now working in the Dividing of Protestants (but more especially the Whigs at Court, and Mad Supporters against the Bishop of *Bangor*) in order to the Subverting of Religion and our Laws, and Restoring a Popish Pretension. So that I shall now introduce my *Secret History of St. James's*, with observing,

'Tis long since the Court of *England*, under the Authority of *Charles* and *James* the Second, was embark'd in a Design of Subverting the *Protestant Religion*, and of Introducing and Establishing *Catholicism*. For the *two Royal Brothers* being in the time of their youth seduced by the Caresses and Importunities of their *Mother*, seduced by the Promises and Favours of Popish Princes, and bewheedled by the Crafts and Arts of Priests and Jesuits, who were cunning to deceive, and knew how to prevail upon Persons who were but weakly established in the Doctrine, and wholly strangers to the Practice and Power of the Religion they were seduced from; they not only abjur'd the *Reformed Religion*, which tho' a great Secret hitherto, I positively affirm to be Matter of Fact) and became Reconciled to the Church of *Rome*; but by their Example, and the Influence which they had over those who depended upon them, both for present Subsistence and future Hopes, they drew many that accompanied them in their Conversion, to Renounce the *Doctrine, Worship and Communion of the Church of England*, tho' in the War between *Charles the First* and the Parliament, they had pretended to fight for them in conjunction with the Prerogatives of the Crown. So that

(a) *Charles* and *James* the Second.

upon the Restoration in the Year 1660. they were not only moulded and prepared themselves for promoting the Desires of the Pope and his Emiffaries, but they were furnished with a Stock of Gentlemen, out of whom they might have a Supply of Instruments, both in Parliament and elfewhere, to co-operate with and under them in the *Methods* that fhould be judged moft proper and fubfervient to the Extirpation of Proteftancy, and the bringing the Nation again into a Servitude to the *Triple Crown*. And befides the Obligations that the Principles of the Religion to which they had revolted, laid them under for eradicating the Eftablifhed Doctrine and Worfhip, they had bound themfelves unto it by all the Promifes and Oaths which Perfons are capable of having proferibed unto, and exacted of them, (which tho' *Surprizing Secret*, yet I affert is a Real Truth).

Nor can any now difbelieve that *Charles* the Second lived and died a Papift, who hath either heard what he both faid and did when under the Profpert of approaching Death, and pafft Hoop of acting a Part any longer on the prefent Stage, or who hath feen and read the *Two Papers left in his Clofet*, which have been fince publifhed to the World, and attelted for authentick to *James* the Second. And had we been fo juft to our felves, as to have examin'd the whole Courfe of his Reign, both in his Advances abroad, and his moft important Counfels and Actions at home; or had we hearken'd to the Reports of thofe who knew him at *Collen* and in *Flanders*, we had been long ago convinced what Religion he was. Nor were his many repeated Proteftations of *his Zeal for Proteftancy*, but in order to delude the Nation, till infenfibly as to us, and with fafety to himfelf, he had overturned the Religion which he pretended to own, and introduced that which he inveighed againft. And while with the higheft Affeverations he difclaimed the *being* what he *was*, and with moft facred and tremendous Oaths, profefled *being* what he *was not*, his Religion might in the mean time have been traced thro all the fignal Occurrences of his Government and have been difcerned written in Capital Letters, thro all material Affairs wherein he was engaged, from the Day he cended the Throne, till the Hour he left the World. His bringing into two Wars againft the *Dutch*, without any Provocation on their part, or Ground on his, fave their being a Proteftant State; his being not only confcious unto, but interpoling his Commands, as well as Encouragements, for the Burning of *London*, (which Secret I receiv'd from a Perfon of undoubted Credit, and dare affirm it for Truth). His Concurrence in the Parts of the Popifh Plot, except that which the Jefuits, with a few others, were involved in againft himfelf, his Stifling the *Conspiracy*, and delivering the Roman Catholicks from the Engers into which it had caft them. His being the Author of

any forged Plots, which he caused to be charged on Protestants. His constant Confederacies with *France*, to the disobliging his People; the Betraying of *Europe*; the neglect of the Reformed that Kingdom, and the Encouraging the Design carried on against them for their Extirpation. His entailing the Duke of York upon the Nation, contrary to the Desires and Endeavours of three several Parliaments, and that not out of Love to his Person, but *Affection to Popery*, (a Secret which has hitherto lain concealed) which he knew that Gentleman would introduce and establish. All these, besides many other things which might be named, were sufficient Evidences of King *Charles* the Second's Religion, and of the *Secret* Design he was engaged in for the Subversion of Ours. So that it would fill a sober Person with Awe and Reverence, to think, that after all this, there should be so many who were Protestants and true Englishmen, who not only believed King *Charles* the Second to be of the Reformed Religion, but with an Insatiableness thirsted after the Blood of those that durst otherwise represent him. And had it not been for his receiving *Absolution* and *Extrem Unction* from a Popish Priest at his Death, and for what he left in Writing in the two Papers found in his *Writing Box*, he would have still passed for a Prince who had lived and died a cordial and zealous Protestant, and whosoever had uttered any thing to the contrary, would have been branded as a Villain and an execrable Person.

But with what a Scent and Odour must it recommend his Memory to them, to consider his having not only lived and died in the Communion of the Church of *Rome*, in Contradiction to his *publick Speeches, solemn Declarations, and highest Asseverations to his People in Parliament*; but his participating, from time to time, of the Sacrament as administer'd in the Church of *England*, while in the Interim he had *abjured our Religion*, stood re-joined to the Church of *Rome*, and had obliged himself by most solemn Vows, and was endeavouring, by all the *Secret Frauds* and *Artifices* imaginable, to subvert the Established Doctrine and Worship, and set up Heresy and Idolatry in their room. And it needs give them an abhorrent Idea and Character of Popery, and a loathsome Representation of those trusted with the Conduct and Guidance of the Consciences of Men in the *Roman* Communion, that they should not only dispense with and excuse such Crimes and Villanies, but proclaim them Sanctified and Meritorious from the End which they are calculated for, and intended at.

And for his *dear Brother*, and renowned Successor *James* the Second, who possessed the Throne after him, I suppose his most ardent Admirers, who took him for a Prince, not only *merciful and temperate*, and endued with all *gracious Inclinations to our Laws, and the Rights of the Subject*, but for one Orthodox in his Religion,

gion, and who would prove a zealous Defender of the Doctrine, Worship, and Discipline of the Church established by Law, are before this time both undeceived, and filled with Resentments for his having abused their Credulity, deceived their Expectations, and reproached all their gloryings and boastings of him. For as it would have been the greatest Affront they could have put upon the King, to question his being of the Roman Communion, or to detract from his Zeal for the Introduction of Popery, notwithstanding his own antecedent Protestations, as well as the many Statutes in force for the Preservation of the Reformed Religion, so I must take the Liberty to discover to them this Great Secret, that his Apostacy is not of so late a Date as the World made commonly to believe. For though it was many years concealed, and the contrary pretended and dissembled; yet it is now certain that he abjured the Protestant Religion, soon after the Exilement of the Royal Family, and was reconciled to the Roman Church at St. Germain's in France. Mr. Du... as these Secrets were first discover'd by Papists of Great Quality, you may perhaps seem for real Truths. Nor were several of the first Suffering Bishops and Clergy ignorant of this, though they had neither Integrity nor Courage to give the Nation and Church warning of it. And within these few Years there was in the Custody of a very worthy and honest Gentleman, a Letter written to a late Bishop of D—ham, by a Doctor of Divinity then attending upon the Royal Brothers, wherein the Apostacy of the Duke of York to the Sea of Rome is particularly related, and Account given how much the Dutchess of Tremouille (who without being her self observ'd) had heard the Queen-Mother glory of it, bewailed it as a dishonour to the Royal Family, and as that which might prove of pernicious Consequence to the Protestant Interest. But though the old Queen privately rejoiced and triumph'd in it, yet she knew too well what disadvantage it might be, both to her Son, and to the Papal Cause in Great-Britain, have it at that Season communicated and divulged. Thereupon it remained a Secret for many Years, and by virtue of a Dispensation, he sometimes joined in all Ordinances with those of Protestant Communion. But for all the Art, Hypocrisy of, Sacrilege, by which it was endeavoured to be concealed, it might have been easily discerned, as manifesting it self in the whole Course of his Actions. And at last his own Zeal, the Impunity of the Priests, and the cunning of Charles the Second, prevailing over Reasons of State, he withdrew from all Acts of Fellowship with the Church of England. But neither that, his refusing the Test enjoined by Law, for distinguishing Papists from Protestants, though thereupon he was forced, both to resign the Office of Lord High-Admiral, &c. nor his declining the Office which the Laws of Scotland for the securing a Protestant Go-

, enjoyn to be taken by the High-Commissioner ; nor yet any Parliaments having endeavour'd to get him excluded in Succession to the Crown, upon the account of having re-verted to the Sea of *Rome*, and thereby become *dangerous to the* *Established Religion*, could make Impression upon a wilfully delu- and obstinate sort of Protestants, but in defiance of all Means of Conviction, and the Discovery of these Secrets, they would persuade themselves, that he was still a Zealot for our Religion, and a Grand Patriot of the Church of *England*. Nor could any man undeceive them, till upon his Brother's Death he had openly declared himself a *Roman Catholick*, and afterwards in the famous Captures of his Victory over the late Duke of *Monmouth*, had openly discover'd his Intentions of overthrowing both our *Religion* and *Laws*. Yea so closely had some sealed up their Eyes against all Rays of Light, and hardned themselves against all Evidences of Reason and Fact, that had it pleased the Almighty God to prosper the Duke of *Monmouth's* Arms in the Summer 85. the Second would have gone off the State with the Reputation among them, of a Prince tender of the Laws of the Kingdom, who, notwithstanding his own being a Papist, would have preserved the Reformed Religion, and have maintain'd the Church of *England* in all her Grandure and Rights. And though his whole Design had been but one continued secret Conspiracy against our Liberties and Priviledges, he had left the Throne with the Character, and under the Esteem of a Gentleman, that in the whole Course of his Government would have regulated himself by the Principles of the Constitution, and the Statutes of the Realm. Now among all the secret Methods fallen upon by the Royal Ministers, for the undermining and subverting our Religion and Liberty, there is none that they have pursued with more Ardor, and in which they have been more successful to the compassing of their Designs, than in their dividing Protestants, and alienating their Affections, and embittering their Minds from and against one another. And had not this lain under their Prospect, and the Possibility of Effecting it appeared easy, they might have been Persuaded themselves, while in the mean time they had been dispensing with *to protest and swear their being of the Reformed Religion*, and might have envied our Liberties, and bewailed their Reliance on from Arbitrary and Despotical Power ; but they never could have entertain'd a Thought of subverting the Established Religion, or of altering the Civil Government, nor would they have had the Boldness to have attempted the introducing of Popery and Tyranny in their Room. And who could have put them upon reducing the Nation to the Condition of *Rome*, or upon rendring the Monarchy unlimited and independent on the Law (which they were secretly attempting many Years) would have been thought to have laid a Snare for

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for exposing the Papists to greater Severities than they were
noxious unto before, and to have projected the robbing
Crown of the Prerogatives which belong unto it by the Rule
the Constitution, and to which it was so lately restored. And
despair of succeeding would have render'd the *Royal Brothers*
to all Importunities from Romish Emissaries, and Court Ministers.
Neither the Secret Promises and Oaths which they had made
taken beyond Sea, to introduce Popery, nor their Ambition
advance themselves beyond the Restraint of Laws, and the Con-
trol of Parliaments, would have prevailed upon them to
encounter'd the Hazards and Difficulties which in case of the
union of English Protestants, must have attended and ensued
Attempts and Endeavours of the one kind and of the other.
Should their Beloved Popery, and their own Bigottedness in
Romish Superstition, have so far transported them beyond
Bounds of Wisdom and Discretion, as to have appeared per-
fected with an Intention of subverting the Protestant Religion,
of enslaving the Nation to the Superstition and Idolatry of
they would have been made soon to understand, That the
which make it Treason to own the Jurisdiction of the Pope
to reduce the meanest Subject to the Church of Rome, were
enacted in vain, and that those as well as many more made
the Security of the Protestant Religion, and to prevent the
and Introduction of Popery, were not to be dallied and plied
Or, should they have been so far infatuated and abandoned
all Understanding, as out of a foolish and haughty Affectation
being Absolute, to have attempted the *alteration of the Con-*
stitution, they would have been immediately and unanimously
told, *That the People have the same Right to their Liberties,*
the King hath to the Prerogatives of the Crown. And if they
not have been contented with what belongs unto the Prince
the Common and Statute Laws of the Realm, but had in-
the Privileges reserved unto the Subject; they would
been made to know, that they might not only be wit-
in what they strove to usurp contrary to *Magna Charta,*
Statute of Right, and other Laws of the Kingdom, but that
they forfeited, and might be deprived of what either appert-
unto the Crown by Fundamental Agreements, or hath been
settled upon the Monarch by Statute-Laws. Nor could any
have embolden'd Charles and James the Second to Enterprize
the one kind or the other, but the Prospect of begetting a
understanding, jealousy, and discord among Protestants
thereby betwixt themselves, Instrumental to the Ruin of
another, and contrary to the Loss of English Liberty and
Reformed Religion, which they equally value and esteem
to the setting up Popery and Tyranny, which (tho' they
creed the one detest'd and abhorr'd no less than the other.

Tho' all English Protestants have ever been at an Accord in all Essentials and Vitals of Religion, yet from the very Beginning of the Reformation, there have been Differences among concerning *Ecclesiastical Government and Discipline*, and *Forms, Rites, and Ceremonies of Worship*. And had they considered either their Duty to God, or the common Interest of Religion, they might have found ways either for removing the Occasions of them, or they ought to have *lived together as Brethren*, notwithstanding the Differences which were among them in these

But *how much wiser are the Children of this World than of the Kingdom of God and of Jesus Christ*. For tho' the Differences among Papists do far exceed ours, both in their number and in the importance of those things wherein they disagree, they do *mutually tolerate and bear with one another*. The Matters wherein they differ are neither made the Terms of their Fellowship-Communion, nor the Grounds of mutual Excommunication and Persecutions.

Alas! one Party among us hath been always endeavouring to stretch others to their own Size, and have made those things which themselves stile *Indifferent*, both the Qualifications for Admission to the Pastoral-Office, and the Conditions of Fellowship in the Ordinances of the Gospel. Nor is it to be expected, what Advantages were hereby administer'd all along to the Non-Enemy, and what Sufferings peaceable and orthodox Christians were expos'd unto from their High-Church and Angry Men, which (tho' a Secret few will believe, yet I could produce such Evidence to prove it as all would credit). And tho' these with the Heats begotten among them all, and the Calamities undergone by one side, were not the Cause of that Unhappy War betwixt *Charles* the First and the Parliament, yet they were an Occasion of diverting Thousands from the side which persecuting Churchmen espous'd, and engaging them in the Quarrel of the Two Houses, in the Quarrel which they begun and carried on against that Prince, for *Defence of the Civil Liberties, and Rights of the People*. But some of the *Mitred Clergy* so far from being made Wise by their own and the Nation's sufferings, as upon their *Restoration* to hearken to moderate Measures, and to decline their former Rigours and Severities, they became the Tools and Instruments of the Court, not for reviving, but for heightning and enflaming all the Differences which had formerly been among English Protestants, (as has been *Secretly* acknowledg'd by some Papists of Quality who are still living). For the *Royal Brothers* finding nothing more adapted and subservient than this to their Design of altering the Government and subverting Religion, they animated those blind and impolitick Ecclesiasticks, not only to pursue the *Revival* of all those things which had given Rise and Occasion to
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former Dissentions and Persecutions, but to lay new Snares alienating many Persons, of *unspotted Lives* and *tender Consciences* from the Church, and of rendring them obnoxious to suffer their Names, Persons, and Estates. And what a Satisfaction it to *Charles* the Second, and his Brother, to find the *old Episcopal Clergy* prepared thro' Principles of *Revenge*, as well as from of *Domination, Ambition, and Covetousness*, to fall in with Design not only of *increasing Divisions among Protestants*, both making the Conditions of entring upon the Pastoral Function narrower, and for screwing Conformity with the Church in Forms and Ceremonies of Worship, into Tests, for Admission to Magistracy and Civil Trusts, but of obtaining several Laws against Dissenters, whereby the Penalties to which they formerly that People would become liable, were render'd Greater than they had been before, and their Sufferings made more *Merciless* Inhumane, and Intolerable.

For tho' *Charles* the Second had, by a Declaration dated *Breda*, promised Indulgence to all Protestants that would peaceably under the Civil Government, yet (if his Secret Satisfaction made to a Popish Lord may be believed) *it was never his Thoughts to perform it*; and the previous Obligations which was under to the Church of Rome, had a Virtue to supersede and cancel his Engagements to *English Hereticks*. And all he intended by that Declaration, was only to *wheedle and lull those to a Trance of admitting his Return into his Dominions*, whose Jealousy of being afterwards persecuted for their Consciences might have awaken'd to withstand and dispute it. And to give him due, he never judg'd himself longer bound to the *Observance of Promises and Oaths made to his People*, than until without hurt to his Person and Government, he could violate and break them. Accordingly he was no sooner seated in the Throne of his Ancestors and those whom he had been apprehensive of Resistance and Interference from, put out of Capacity and Condition of attending any thing against him; but he thought himself discharged from every thing that the Royal Word and Faith of a Prince had been Pledged and laid to Stake for in that Declaration, and that Day forward (either Secretly or Publickly) acted in opposition to all the Parts and Branches of it. For having after his Return obtained a Parliament moulded and adapted to his Arbitrary and Popish Ends, he immediately set all his Instruments at work for the procuring such Laws to be enacted which might Divide and Weaken Protestants, and thereby make them only the more easy a Prey to the Papists, but afford them an Advantage, thro' our Scuffles, of Undermining our Religion the less Notice and Observation.

Mr. Dunton, How such Persons came to be chosen; and to constitute the Majority of the House of Commons, who by their Actions have made themselves infamous and execrable to all Ages, were a Matter too large to discover in this *Letter*; but that which my Theme conducts me to observe, is, That as they sacrific'd the Treasure of the Nation to the Profuseness and Prodigality of the Prince, and our Rights and Liberties to his Ambition and Arbitrary Will; so they both introduced and established those things which have been a Means of Dividing us; and by many severe and repeated Laws, they subjected a great number of Industrious Englishmen and True Protestants, to *Excommunications, Imprisonments, rigorous and multiplied Fines*, and all this for Matters only relating to their *Consciences*, and for their Obedience to God in the Ordinances of his Worship and House. And notwithstanding *Ch. the Second's* often pretended Compassion to the Dissenters, will be hard to discern them, unless in Effects which proceed from very different and opposite Principles. The Distance which kept them from his Person and Favour; the (Secretly) influencing those Members of Both Houses that depended upon him, to be the Authors and Promoters of Severities against them; the joining so often the Judges and Justices of Peace to execute the Laws upon them in their utmost Rigour; the instigating (by private Letters) the Bishops and Ecclesiastical Courts, if at any time they relented in their Prosecutions, to pursue them with fresh Citations and Censures; the arraighning them, not only upon the Statutes made intentionally against Dissenters, but upon those that were originally and solely enacted against the Papists: these, and other Secret Procedures of that nature, are the only proofs and Evidences which I can find of King *Charles the IId's* Jewels, Pity, and Tenderness to them. And whereas the weak Churchmen were imposed upon to believe, that all the Severity against the Nonconformists, was the Fruit of his Zeal for the Protestant Religion, and for the Security of the Worship and Discipline establish'd by Law; they might have easily discover'd his Passion, Prejudice, Wealth and Honour, had not blinded them) that all this was calculated for Ends perfectly Destructive to the Church, and Inconsistent with the Safety and Happiness of Protestants. This was a Secret in the Reign of *K. Ch. II.* but 'tis the Duty of a *Hanover-Spy* to set the Reign of his Glorious Master in the better Light) I resolv'd it should be none in this. *Charles the Second* seeking oftner than once to have wriggled himself into a Power of superceding and dispensing with those Laws, and suspending their Execution, plainly shews, that he never intended the Support and Preservation of the Church by them; so his Non-Execution of the Laws against Papists; his enivying at their increase; his perswading those nearest unto him to reconcile themselves to the See of *Rome*, as he did, among
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others, the late Duke of *Monmouth*, (which is a Surprizing Secret that I know to be true) his countenancing the Roman Catholics in their open and intolerable Insolencies ; and his advancing them to the most Gainful and Important Places and Trusts, sufficiently declare, that he never had any Love to Protestants, or Care of the Reformed Religion, but that all his Designs were of a contrary Tendency ; and his fairest Pretences for the Protection and Grandure of the *Church of England*, adapted to other Ends.

Thus the *Royal Brothers* having obtained such Laws to be enacted, whereby one Party of Protestants was armed with Means of oppressing and persecuting all others, neither the Necessity of their Affairs at any time since, nor the Application and Interposition of several Parliaments for removing the Grounds of our Differences and Animosities, by an Indulgence, to be past into a Law, could prevail either upon *Charles* or *James* the Second to forego the Advantage they had gotten of keeping us in mutual Enmity, and thereby of ministering to their *Secret Projection* of supplanting our Religion, and re-establishing the Faith and Worship of the *Church of Rome*. Hereupon, *James* the Second not only refused to consent to such Bills as divers late Parliaments had prepared for Indulging Dissenters, and for bringing them into Union of Counsels, and Conjunction of Interest with those of the *Church of England*, for Resisting the Conspiracies of the Papists against our Legal Government and Established Religion ; but he rejected an Address for Suspending the Execution of the Penal Laws against Dissenters, which was offered and presented unto him by that very Parliament which had framed and enacted those cruel and hard Laws.

And as the *Royal Brothers* made it their constant Business to cherish a Division and Rancour among Protestants, and to provoke one Party to Persecute and Ruin another ; so nothing could more naturally fall in with the Design of Arbitrariness, or be more subservient to the Betraying the Nation to Papal Idolatry and Jurisdiction. But, as it is not agreeable to the Wisdom and Prudence which ought to be among Men, nor to the Mercy and Compassion which should be among Christians, for one Party to surrender another into the Hands and Power of the Sovereign, to be impoverished and ruined by him at his Pleasure, especially when those whom they give up to be thus treated and entertained, are at Agreement with them in all the Essentials of Religion, equally Zealous as themselves for the Liberties of their Country, and who for Sobriety in their Lives, Industry in their Calling, and Usefulness in the Common-Wealth, are inferior to none of their Fellow-Subjects : So it is obvious to any who give themselves leave to think, that King *James* the Second would have been stated in the Absoluteness that he Secretly aspired after,

th Church and State reduced to lie at the Discretion of the Monarch, provided the Nonconformists for procuring his Favour. Non-execution of the Laws, had suffered themselves to be prevailed upon, and drawn over to stand by and assist him in his Popish and Despotical Designs. But what the Royal Brothers could not work the afflicted and persecuted Side unto, they found the secret Art to engage the other Side in, tho not only excepted from all Obnoxiousness to those Laws, but strengthened and supported by them. For as soon as the Court began to despair of prevailing upon Dissenters to become their Tools and Instruments of Enslaving the Nation, and of Exalting the Monarchy to a Despotical Absoluteness, they first Secretly, and then more Publickly, applied to the Bigots of the Church of *England*, whom by ratifying with a vigorous Execution of the Laws upon Dissenters, they brought to abet, applaud and justify them in all those Counsels and Ways which reduced us into that miserable Condition wherein we not long since were. The Tory-Clergy being advanced to Grandure and Opulency, (things which many of them are fonder of, and loather to forego than Religion and the Rights of the Nation) the Court made it their Business to possess them with a Belief, that unless the Fanaticks were suppressed and ruined, they could not enjoy with Security their Dignities and Wealth. Whereupon not only the Lesser Levites, but the Superior Clergy, having their Lesson and Cue Secretly given them from *Whitehall* and *St. James's*, fell upon pursuing the Nonconformists with Ecclesiastical Punishments, and upon exciting and animating the Civil Officers against them; and under Pretence of preserving and defending the Church, they gave themselves over to an implicit serving of the Court, and became not only Advocates, but Instruments for the Robbing of Corporations of their Charters, for imposing Sheriffs upon the City of *London* who had not been legally elected, and of fining and punishing Men arbitrarily for no Crime, save the having asserted their own and the Nation's Rights in modest and lawful ways. Posterity will hardly believe that so many of the Prelatical Clergy, and so great a number of Members of the Church of *England*, should from an Enmity unto, and pretended Jealousy of the Dissenters, (I say, Pretended Jealousy, for a Bulky Prelate has said Privately, and in my hearing, that the greatest part of the Protestant Dissenters were very honest conscientious People) have become Tools under King James the Second, for justifying the Dissolution of so many Parliaments, the Invasion made upon their Privileges, the ridiculing and Distinction of the Popish Plot, the shamming of forged Conspiracys upon Protestants, the condemning several to Death for High-Treason, who could be render'd Guilty by the Transgression of no known Law and finally, for advancing a Gentleman to the Throne, who had been engaged in a Secret Conspiracy against Religion and th

Legal Government, and whom three several Parliaments would have therefore excluded from the Right of Succession. And being seduced into an espousal of the Interests of the Court against Religion, Parliaments, and the Nation, it is doleful to consider what Doctrines both from Pulpit and Press were thereupon first Secretly Plotted in the Royal Palace by the Superior Clergy, and afterwards divulged in the publick Churches: Such as *Monarchy's being a Government by Divine Right; that it is in the Prince's Power to Rule as he pleases; that it is a Grace and Condescension in the King to give an Account of what he does; that for Parliaments to direct or regulate the Succession, borders upon Treason, and is an Offence against the Law of Nature; and that the only thing left to Subjects, in case the King will tyrannize over their Consciences, Persons, and Estates, is tamely to suffer; and, as some of them did absurdly express, to exercise it PASSIVE OBEDIENCE.*

So that by corrupting the Minds and Consciences of Men with those pestilent and slavish Notions, they betrayed the Nation both to the Mischiefs which have already overtaken us, and to what further we were threaten'd with. Nor did these Doctrines tend merely to the fettering and enfeebling the Spirits of Men, but they were a Temptation to the *Royal Brothers*, to put in execution what they had been so long (Secretly) contriving and travelling with, and were a kind of reprimanding them for being ignorant of their own Right and Power, and for not exerting it with that Vigour and Expedition which they might. I do acknowledge, that there were many both of the Sacred Order, and of the Laick Communion of the Church of *England*, who were far from being infected with those *British Sentiments and Opinions*, and who were as zealous as any for having the Monarchy kept within its ancient Limits; Parliaments maintained in their wonted Reverence and Authority; the Subjects preserved in the Enjoyment of their immemorial Privileges; and who were far from sacrificing our Religion and Laws to Popery and Arbitrariness; and for lulling us into a Torpor, and Lethargy, in case the Court should attempt the abolishing the established Doctrine and Worship, and the subverting and changing the Civil Government. But alas! besides their being immediately branded with the Name of *Timmer*, and *Conformable Fanaticks*, and Secretly register'd in the Kalender with those that stood precluded the King's Favour, and merited his Animadversion; their Modesty was soon drowned and silenced in the loud Noise of their clamorous Brethren, and their Retiredness from Conversation, while the others frequented all places of Society and publick Concourse, deprived the Nation of the Benefit of their Example, and the Happiness of their Instructions. Nor have I (in this *Secret History of the Tory Clergy*) mentioned the Extrayagancies of any of the Ecclesiasticks and Members of the
Church

ch of *England*, with a Design either of reproaching and up-
ing them, or of provoking and exasperating the Dissenters
esentments, but only to shew how fatal our Divisions have
unto us, what Excesses they have occasion'd our being hur-
and transported into, and what mischievous Improvement
Enemies have made of them, to the supplanting and almost
erting of all that is valuable unto us, as we are *Englishmen*,
Anglicans, and *Protestants*.

And as our Animosities, thro our Divisions, gave the Court an
antage of suborning that Party which they pretended to be-
d and uphold, into a Ministration to all their Counsels and
ections against our Religion and Laws; so by reason of the
atural Heats wherewith Protestants have been enflamed and
ged against Protestants, many weak, ungrounded, and un-
e Souls have been tempted to question the Truth of our Re-
n, and to apostatize to the Church of *Rome*; and thereupon
become united in Inclination, Power and Endeavours with
Court, and our Old Enemies the Papists, for the Extirpa-
of Protestantcy, and the Alteration of the Government. As
th been matter of Offence and Scandal to all Men, so it hath
ground of stumbling and falling unto many, to see those
are professedly of the same Religion, to be mutually em-
red against one another, and so far transported with Malice
Rage, as to seek and pursue each other's Destruction: For
a Carriage and Behaviour are so contrary to the Spirit and
iples of Christianity, and to the Genius and Temper of true
gion, that is no marvel if Persons ignorant of the Holy Scri-
es, and Strangers to the converting and comforting Vertue of
Doctrin of the Gospel asserted in our Confessions, and insisted
by our Divines, should suspect the Orthodoxy of that Re-
n which is accompanied with so bitter Fruits, even in the
nfers of the Word, as well as in others, and betake them-
to the Communion of that Church, where, how many and
rtant soever their Differences be one with another, yet they
ot break forth into those Flames of excommunicating and
cuting each other, that ours have done. How have some a-
s us, thro having their Spirits fretted and exasperated by the
t Craft and Cunning of our Enemies, not only loaded and
atized their Brethren and Fellow-Protestants with Crimes
Names, which were they true and deserved, would justly
er us a Loathing and an Abomination to Mankind, but have
ed and branded those whom God had honoured to be Instru-
s of the Reformation, with Appellations and Characters fit
get a Detestation of their Doctrin, as well as their Memo-
The worst that the Papists have forged and vomited out a-
t *Luther*, *Zwinglius*, *Calvin*, &c. hath been raked up, and
ted to the Disparagement of the Reformation, and to the
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Scandalizing the Minds of weak Men against it. And as the
Suits and Priests have Secretly improved those Slanders an
Innuies to the Seduction of divers from the Church of *En*
and to a working them over to a Reconciliation with the C
of Rome; so the Court, in the Reign of King James the Se
had thereby an Increase of their Faction and Party against
Religion and Liberties, and were by these Secret Arts ex
to murder *the* *of* *Junjaries* for their Despotick and Unli
Claim.

Nor have our Divisions, with the Heats, Animosities,
Rings and Persecutions that have ensued thereupon, proved
an Occasion of the Seduction of several from our Religion,
their Apostacy to Popery, but they have been a main Spring
Source of the Debauchery, Irreligion, and Atheism, which
overspread the Nation, and have brought so many both to
Indifference and Unconcernedness for the Gospel, and all t
Virtuous and Noble, and have disposed them to fall in with
that could Secretly countenance and protect them in their
ty and Profaneness, and afterwards feed their Luxury and
with Honour and Gain. What a woful Scheme of Religion
we afforded the World! and how shamefully have we p
forth and represented the Holy Doctrine of the Blessed J
while we have not only lived in a direct Opposition to a
Commands of Meekness, Love, and mutual Forbearance
our Religion lays us under the Authority of, but have neg
to practise Good Manners, to observe the Rules of Civili
treat one another with common Humanity, and to *do as we*
and we unto? While we have been more offended at what
to supplant our Dominations and Grandures, than at wh
honoured God and reproached the Gospel; while we w
not so much whether they whom we took into our Sacred
munions, as well as into our Personal Friendship, were con
ble in their Lives to the Scripture, as whether they complied
the Commands of the Church, while we reprobated all that
not of our Way, tho never so vertuous and devout, and s
all that were, tho never so wicked and profane; while we
died them for Fanaticks, whom we could justly charge wi
thing, *for* *the* *not* *admitting* *that* *into* *Religion* *which* *ca*
from *the* *Divine* *Author* *of* *it*; and hugged those for good
orthodox Believers, that would sooner consult the Statute
for their Practice in the Worship of God, than the Bible;
we haled those to Prison, and spoiled them of their Esta
whom nothing could be objected, except their being too
and conscientious in avoiding that thro fear and apprehen
sion, which others had a liberty and latitude to do, c
ing it lawful, and in the mean time esteemed those wor
the chiefest Enemies of the Church and Common-wealth,

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and Villanies made them unfit for civil Societies; while
who lived most agreeably to the Laws of God and the
ple of Christ, were persecuted as Enemies to Religion, and
ests of the Kingdom, and in the interim too many of the
Clergy were not only Countenancers of the most profligate
ns as their best Friends, but secretly joined and assisted in
alous Debaucheries, under Pretence of sustaining the Ho-
of their Tribe, and doing Service to the Church.
y, while these were the unhappy, but too obvious *Fruits of*
Divisions, and of the bitter Heats that accompanied them,
was *the Reverence for the Sacred Oracel lessened and dimini-*
the Veneration for Religion weakened and lost, the Shame and
d of Appearing prophane and wicked, removed and banished;
uch who took the Measures of Christianity from the Prac-
of those that were *stiled Christians*, rather than from the
aculate and *Holy Scriptures*, tempted to think *all Religion a*
e, and Priesthood but an Artifice and Craft to compass
ur and Wealth. And though nothing but a *shortness of Un-*
nding, and an *immoderate Love to their Lusts*, could occasion
rawing such a Conclusion from the foregoing Premises, yet
st needs grant that there was too just a ground administred
them of saying, that many did not believe that themselves,
faith whereof they recommended to others. But that which
uld more particularly observe, is, that it is from among those
by the foregoing Occasions have been tempted to Debau-
y and Irreligion, that the *Romish* Emisaries have *secretly* made
Harvest of Profelytes and Converts to the Church of *Rome*.
as they who fear not God will be easily brought to imitate
; and such who are of no Religion will, in subserviency to
lar Ends, assume the Mask and Profession of any: so Pope-
extreamly adapted to the Wishes and Desires of wicked
profane Men, in that it provides for their Living as enor-
ly as they please here, and flatters them with Hopes and
rances of Blessedness hereafter. They who can be ascer-
d of going to Heaven upon their confessing their secret
to a Priest, and their receiving *Absolution, the Eucharist, and*
ream Unction, need not look after Repentance towards God,
version to Holiness, nor a Life of Faith, Love, Mortification
Obedience, which the Protestant Religion, upon the Au-
ity of the Gospel, obligeth them unto, in order to the ob-
ng of Eternal Happiness. And as the late Apostates to Po-
in *England*, are chiefly such who were notorious for secret
leness, Prophaneness and Immorality, and were the scandal
ur Religion while they publicly professed it, and while in
Church, were not properly of it, so it is from among Men
is Stamp and Character, that *Charles* and *James* the Second
d Persons assisting and subservient (either privately or pub-
lickly