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lickly) to their *Despotic and Arbitrary Designs*. For who  
takes a Survey of the Court Faction (during the Reign of  
Popish Monarchs) and considereth who have been the Advo  
for Encroachments upon our Liberties, and Abettors of Usur  
ons over our Rights, they will find them to have been princi  
the profligate and debauched among the Nobility and Ge  
the Mercenary, ignorant and scandalous among the Clergy  
Off-scouring and such as are an Ignominy to human Nat  
mong the Yeomanry and Peasants. And it was in order to  
villanous End, that the Royal Brothers have endeavoured  
secretly and publickly) to debauch the Nation, and have  
Sensuality and Prophaneness the Qualifications for Prefer  
and the Badges of Loyalty.

*Finally*, Being through the bitter Effects which have e  
upon our Divisions, made apprehensive and jealous one of  
ther; it hath from thence come to pass, that while the Care  
Conformists hath been to watch against the growth of the  
Centers; and the sollicitude of the Nonconformists hath  
how to prevent the Rage of the bigotted Church-Men, th  
pits in the mean time, without being heeded or observed,  
both incredibly multiplied, and made considerable Advanc  
their Designs of ruining us. For whensoever the Court wa  
take a secret Step towards Popery and Arbitrary Power,  
was a Clamour rais'd of some menacing Boldness of the Dissen  
And if the Nation grew at any time alarmed, by Reason o  
Favour shewn to the Roman Catholics, and of some visible  
gress made towards the King's becoming Despoticall, all was  
mediately hush'd with a shout and cry of the Government  
Church's being in imminent Hazard from the Dissenters.  
whenever the Papists and their Royal Patrons stood detect  
having been conspiring against our Religion and civil Libertie  
was diverted and stilled by putting the Kingdom upon a  
Scent, and by Hounding out their Beadles upon the Nonco  
mits. So that the Eyes and Minds of Protestants being  
plove in Reference to what was to be apprehended and  
ed from one another, the secret working of our Popish  
was either escaped our Observation, or were heeded by r  
only with a superficial and unaffective Glance. And while  
Church-Men stood prepossessed by the Court, with a dread  
jealousy of the Dissenters, all that was said and writter  
a Secret Conspiracy carried on by the Papists against our  
and Religion, was entertained and represented by the preju  
Clergy, as an Artifice only of the Dissenters for compassing a  
diligence from the Parliament, which in Case such a Plot  
obtained the Belief, that a Matter of so great Danger and  
sequence required, would have been easily granted, being  
only rational Expedient for the Preservation of the establi

igion and the Legal Government. Nor did our Enemies  
tion, but that having thus cunningly inflamed our Divisions, and  
ed our Antipathies to so great a height, rather than the one  
ty would lay aside their Severities, and the other let fall their  
entments, we would even be contented to lie at their Mercy,  
submit our selves to the Pleasure and Discretion of the Court,  
ere Father *Peters* had (*secretly*) the whole Sway.

f any High-Church Admirers of the Race of the *Stuarts*, yet  
stion the Truth of this *Secret History of the Two Royal*  
thers to introduce *Popery and Slavery*, let 'em see it further con-  
id by Consulting a Book intitul'd, *A Review of the Case of*  
*urges, and their Imposition*, where the truly Pious and Learn-  
Mr. *Benjamin Robbinson* (Successor to the Famous Dr. *Samuel*  
*Wesley*) tells the World, ' One Thing more which happened  
be omitted in its proper Place, I take the Liberty to insert  
ere, and that is a Part of a Form of Prayer, compos'd for the  
th of *January*, soon after the Return of King *Charles the Se-*  
nd, the Title of which was [*A Form of Common-Prayer to*  
*used upon the 30th of January, being the Anniversary-Day ap-*  
*ointed by Act of Parliament for Fasting and Humiliation, to Im-*  
*ore the Mercy of God, that neither the Guilt of that Sacred and*  
*nocent Blood, nor those other Sins by which God was provok'd*  
*deliver up both us and our King into the Hands of Cruel and*  
*unreasonable Men, may at any Time hereafter be visited upon*  
*or our Posterity. Published by his Majesty's Direction. Lon-*  
*on: Printed by John Bill, Printer to the King's most excellent*  
*Majesty, 1661.]* where in the Collect for the Evening Service,  
these Words — ' *And we beseech thee to give us all Grace to*  
*remember, and provide for our latter End, and by a careful stu-*  
*ous Imitation of this thy Blessed Saint and Martyr, and all other*  
*Saints and Martyrs that have gone before us, that we may*  
*made worthy to receive Benefit by their Prayers, which they*  
*Communion with thy Church Catholick offer up unto thee for*  
*at Part of it here Militant, and yet in fight with, and danger*  
*in the Flesh, &c.* Upon which I wou'd propose it to be con-  
sider'd, what sort of Prayers we are like to have imposed upon  
the Nation, if the *Pretender*, who is a profess'd *Papist*, shou'd  
ever sit upon the Throne; when one who was willing to be  
brought a *Protestant*, made so forward an Attempt as this?  
Whether if the Power which the *CONVOCAATION* Claims be  
allow'd, they wou'd not too easily come into such Designs,  
since it has been observ'd that they have always been more  
obliging to those Princes that were Arbitrary and well-affected  
to *Popery*, than to those that were the Friends of *Liberty and*  
*Reformation*.

Thus far the Truly *Protestant* and Ingenious Mr. *Benjamin*  
*Robbinson*, and if any *Non-Juror* (or *High-Churchman*) Question  
whether

whether the *Popish Pretender* (who as solemnly Promises to *Torate* the Church of *England* and Protestant Dissenters, as *ev Charles* and *James* the Second did, both before and after the came to the Crown) will be less Zealous to Restore Popery and Slavery, than those two deceitful Princes were throughout the whole Reigas, let 'em read the *Flying Post* (publish'd Feb. 4 1718) where the truly Loyal and Ingenious Mr. *George Ridpath* inform the Publick, That one *James Shephard*, a Youth of about 18 years of Age, Apprentice to a Coach-Painter in *Devonshirestreet* without *Bishopsgate*, was brought last *Monday* Night into the *Poultry Compter* for High-Treason, having writ a *Treasonable Letter* and carry'd it to one Mr. *Leak* a Nonjuring Parson last *Friday* Night, where he left it with his Maid, and said he would call for an Answer as last *Monday* Night. Mr. *Leak* being surpriz'd at the Letter, and apprehending it might be a Trick upon him, thought fit to burn it; but afterwards acquainted Sir *John Fryar*, a wealthy Alderman of this City with it, who advis'd him to seize the Person when he came for an Answer, which he accordingly did, and the Youth being carry'd before Sir *John*, own'd the Fact, and writ a Copy of the Letter, which he said was *verbatim* with the Original, and as I'm inform'd was thus, or at least to this Effect.

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FROM the many Discontents so visible throughout this Kingdom. I infer, that if the Prince now Reigning cou'd be by Death removed, our King being here, he might be settled on this Throne without much loss of Blood. For the more ready effecting of this, I propose, That if any Gentleman will pay for Passage into Italy, and if our Friends will intrust one so young with Letters of Invitation to his Majesty, will on his Arrival smite the Usurper in the Palace. In this Conjunction, if sufficient Forces may be rais'd, his Majesty may appear; or, he may retreat or conceal himself till a fitter Opportunity. Nevertheless it is Presumptuous to hope that this may succeed, if we consider how difficult it is to cut the Thread of human Life; how great Confusion the Death of a Prince occasions in the most peaceful Nation, and how Mutinous the People are, how desirous of a Change. But we will suppose the worst, that I am seiz'd, and by Torture examin'd: Now that I may endanger none but myself, it will be necessary that the Gentlemen who defrays my Charges to Italy, leave England before my Departure, that I be ignorant of his Majesty's Abode; that I lodge with some Whig; that you abscond; and that this be communicated to none.

But be the Event as it will, I can expect nothing less than a cruel Death; which that I may the better support, it will be requisite to send me from my Arrival till the Attempt, I every Day receive the Holy Sacrament from one who shall be ignorant of the Design.

James Shephard

It must be own'd that this Youth must be either a very apt Scholar in such damnable Principles, or that he has been put upon by People of riper Years, who form'd the Letter as much as the Design. You see what an abominable Use the Faction makes of the Holy Sacrament, when they abuse it to such Diabolical purposes; and how artfully the Matter is contriv'd to throw an odium upon the Whigs, that being a Lodger with one of them, he might seem to have learn'd his Principles there. This is an old Practice among the Popish Party, who had the Powder-Plot succeeded, design'd to have thrown it on the Puritans; and in the like manner the Popish Midwife *Celier* design'd to have laid her Deal-Tub Plot upon the Whigs in *Charles* the Second's Time. Nor is it to be forgot, that the *Examiner* in the last Reign did charge the Whigs with owning the Pretender's Legitimacy, and with a Design to bring him in, tho at the same time he knew that the Imposing him upon us was what only his own Party had *nearest their Hearts*.

This intended Assassination brings to my Mind the Story of *Clement* the Dominican Fryar, who murder'd *Henry III.* of *France*. The celebrated French Historian *Thuanus* tells it thus: 'That the Fryar went to a learned Father of the same Society, and told him, that a certain Person had often ask'd him at Confession, *Whether he might with a safe Conscience kill Henry de Valois (for he would not call him King) as an implacable Enemy to the Church, and a Tyrant to his Country?* The Father told him, That if the Person was not act'd by private Hatred or Revenge, but undertook it for the Love of God, and for the Safety of Religion and of his Country, he might not only do it without Sin, but would deserve highly at the Hand of God; or if he dy'd in the Act, would certainly be translated to the Company of the Blessed. This so encourag'd the Fryar, that he actually went and stabb'd the King.

It is well for Mr. *Leak* and the Publick that he acted the honest Part, and discover'd the Villain. But 'tis necessary that his Majesty's Protestant Subjects shou'd know, that when *K. Henry* the Third was dying of his Wound, he told his Nobles, 'That he had very much lessen'd himself by his Favour to the Clergy, who by their false Opinions in Religion were become Incendiaries to stir up the mad People to a Rebellion, on the Pretence of a League for the Security of the Church.

And thus you see (Mr. *Dunton*) that not only the *Dividing of Protestants*, but a Plot to murder a Protestant Prince, is a fresh Instance of the Inhuman Principles which are cultivated by the High-Church Faction and Jacobite Conventiclers, upon the foot of their Rebelious Maxims of *Unlimited Passive-Obedience* and *Indefeasible Hereditary Right*.

From this Source proceeded all the Assassination Plots and Designs of Rebellion against the Glorious King WILLIAM and

Queen MARY, carry'd on by Sir *William Perkins*, Sir *John Friend*, and other High-Churchmen, in conjunction with Papists, by Encouragement from the late Courts of *France* and *St. Germain*. Nor are we to forget that such of those Assassins and Rebels were brought to Justice, were solemnly absolv'd at *Tyburn*, by *Cook*, *Collier*, and *Snar*, three Nonjurant Priests, and made believe that they should immediately mount from the Cart to Heaven, tho' instead of repenting for their Crimes, they died in an obstinate Defence of 'em, as the genuine Effects of the above-mention'd Principles, which they held to be *the distinguish'd Doctrines of the Church of England*.

From the same Fountain proceeded the late horrid Rebellion by High Churchmen and Papists, by which they design'd, among other things, to have destroy'd the whole Royal Family.

'Tis plain then, that taking the Sacrament according to the Church, is not a sufficient Test to secure the Government against the barbarous Designs of the Party, nor to keep them out of Possession; for we all know that the late Earl of *Mar*, and Mr. *Fletcher*, the Chiefs of the late Rebellion, and many of their Associates, had taken the Test again and again, and 'tis now become an avow'd Principle among the Party, *That the imposing of Oaths and the Test, is the Fault of the Government, and not the Crime of those who take them, in order to serve what they call the Church.*

This may let us see how absurdly those Men argue who are for continuing the *Test-Act*, the *Corporation-Act*, and the *Occasional and Schism-Acts*, which every one may see are no Security to the Church, nor capable of keeping Vipers from nestling in her Bosom, to destroy both her and the State, and are us'd only as a Bar to keep from Serving his Majesty and their Country, a great Body of sincere Protestants, against whom those Acts were manifestly intended, to make them incapable of defending the Protestant Religion, and the Liberties of the three Nations, which have been continually struck at since the *Spanish*, and *French*, *Papish* Matches were set on foot by King *James* and King *Charles* the First, and since it was for opposing Popery and Popish Successors, and the Tyranny they are always attended with, that the Anger of the Courts and those severe Laws were brought upon Dissenters, it may be submitted to all impartial Men, whether the continuance of those Laws is not in its Tendency, subversive of the present Government, that is founded in a direct Opposition to Popery and Tyranny, which the Dissenters are known to have in the utmost Abhorrence, and have always ventur'd their Lives and Estates against them; whereas so many of those who boast themselves to be of the Communion of the Church, have ever since Archbishop *Laud's* Time, been in a stated Conspiracy with Papists to bring the Idolatry of *Rome*, and arbitrary Government upon us.

This great Affection to Popery and Arbitrary Power, is High-church Loyalty, as is prov'd by that Faithful Historion Mr. *George Path*, (who thro his Over-Modesty in not Addressing himself his Majesty, has been near Four Years Unrewarded for his **WING** Weekly at his Jacobite Enemies) and I'll presume to to his Words, by the Seasonable Discoveries I have here made, evident, No sincere Protestant (if in his right Senses) can read this *Secret History of the Two Royal Brothers* (and observe their cunning and Zeal for above Forty Years, to Divide their Protestant Subjects amongst themselves in order to Restore Popery Slavery) without thanking God upon his bare Knees ——— *the Glorious Revolution in 88* ——— *For King William's Legacy Protestant Succession in the Illustrious House of Hanover* ——— *the late Defeat of that cursed Rebellion that was rais'd by a Popish Pretender* ——— And ——— *For that Golden Age (our Lawful Monarch) has Reviv'd by his truly Protestant and Glorious Reign.* may the same Happiness be continued to Great-Britain and Ireland, by his Royal Person and Family (and the several Branches of his Illustrious House) to the World's End.

*Mr. Dunton,*

have now fully discover'd to you the Popish Reigns of *Charles James II*, in which you find **SECRETS** that have hitherto conceal'd, and are such as no *Tory* believes, tho I have Detected nothing but what I receiv'd from Papists of Great Quality (who would never belye their own Party in their Charge against it, never Falshoods they might spread to Credit their Cause, or restore Popery) or such **LIVING AUTHORITIES** whose Verity I can depend upon : And I think (*Mr. Dunton*) I have proved by that **SECRET HISTORY** I have here sent of the Two Royal Brothers, that the very **RISE** of that **HEVERELISM** (or Mystery of Iniquity) that is now working to Divide Protestants, (but more especially the Whigs apart, and Mad Reporters against the Bishop of **BANGOR**) wholly owing to the Popish **SCHEME**, first laid down (and lately practis'd) by the Two Royal Brothers, from their **RESTORATION**, down to the Day of their Respective Deaths.

is to such therefore as are capable of hearkning to Reason, who are ready to embrace any Counsel that shall be found to be directed to the Common Interest, that the *Hanover Spy* is to advise what remains to be represented and said in the following manner. For all Parties of Protestants having seen how far our Divisions and Rancours, to the contrary, have improved our Designs, and the robbing us of that good and Generous Men account valuable; they are convinced of the necessity we have been and are reduced to of altering the Measures of our Acting towards one another,

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ther, and both of laying aside our Persecutions, and of exchanging our Wranglings among our selves, into a joynt contending for the Faith of the Gospel, and the Rights of the Nation. For what K. James 2d intended and aimed at, is not any long Matter of meer Suspicion and Jealousy, but of demonstrable Evidence, and unquestionable Certainty.

His Mask and Vizor of Zeal for the Preservation of the Church of England, and of tender Regard for the Laws of the Land, was laid by and put off, and his Resolutions of governing Arbitrarily and of introducing Popery, were become obvious to all Men, who Reason and Sense had not forsaken and left.

The Papists, whom it was thought much a while ago to connived at in the Exercise of their Worship in private Houses, are allowed now to practise their Idolatry openly, in our Cities, Towns, and in the Metropolitan City of the Kingdom to use the publick Churches and Cathedrals. Those Catholick Gentlemen whom heretofore was matter of surprize to see countenanc'd with the private Favour of the Prince, are now advanc'd to the supreme Commands in the Army, and the principal Trust in Civil Affairs. *The Ecclesiant Lords*, whose enlargement out of the Tower, both the *Laws of the Land*, and of the Rights and Jurisdiction of Parliament, being committed thither by the Authority of the House of Lords, upon a Charge and Impeachment of High Treason, by the Commons of England in Parliament assembled, were now honoured to be Members of the Privy-Council, exalted to be chief Ministers of State. They whom the Statute of the Realm make subject to the severest Penalties for Apostasy to Rome, are not only protected from the edge of the Laws, maintain'd in parochial Incumbencies, and Headships of Parishes and Rectories.

Our Orthodox Clergy are not only inhibited to preach against Popery, but are illegally Reprimanded, Silenc'd, and Suspended for discharging that Duty which their Consciences, Offices, and the Laws of the Kingdom oblige them unto. And such were neither the Ecclesiastical nor Westminster-Courts can arraign or proceed against, we had a new Court of Inquisition erected for adjudging and punishing of them. So that it is not the Dissenters who are the only Persons to be struck at and ruined, but Conformists are to be treated after the same Manner, and to fall in the common Lot whereunto all honest and sincere Protestants are destin'd and designed. Even they who were (Secretly) Darlings of *Whitehall* and *St. James's*, and recompens'd with Honours and Titles for betraying the Rights and Priviledges of the Nation, persecuting Dissenters, and Heading Addresses, which in Parliaments were reproach'd, the Course of Justice against Popish Offenders was flander'd, the illegal and arbitrary

res of the Court applauded and justified, and all that were zealous for our Laws and Liberties stigmatiz'd with the Names of Heretics and Traytors, are now themselves, for but discouraging the Dissenting Assemblies, and attempting to put the Laws in Execution against Priests who had publickly celebrated Mass, not only rebuk'd and rebuked, but punish'd with Seizure and Imprisonment.

Nor are our Religion and Civil Liberties meerly supplanted and undermined by illegal Tricks, glossed over with the Varnish of legal Forms, but they are assaulted and battered in the Face of the Sun, without so much as a Palliation to give their Proceedings a plausible Figure. And the King being brought to a despair of managing the Parliament to his barefac'd Purposes of Popery and Arbitrariness, and of prevailing with them to establish Tyranny and Idolatry by Law, notwithstanding their having been as industriously pack'd and chosen to Answer such a Design, as Art, Flattery, and Authority cou'd teach, and notwithstanding their having been Obsequious in their first Session to an Excess that prov'd unsafe to themselves and the Nation, he became resolv'd not to allow them to meet any more, but to set up *a-la-mode de France*, and to have his Personal Commands seconded with the Consent of his *Durante-bene-placito* Judges, to be acknowledged and obey'd for Laws, so that they who were formerly seduced into a good Opinion of him, were not only undeceived, but provok'd to *warm Resentments*, for having had their Credulity and Easiness so grossly abus'd.

Mr. DUNTON, If any one doubt this to be *the True Secret History of Charles and James the Second*, let 'em see the *most secret Passages* in it fully prov'd by *Terril, Coke, and Johnson*, and other Historians of undoubted Credit, in these Words, *viz.* *Charles the Second*, or the Royal C——y (say these Corrupted Authors) began his Reign in the Year 1648. And now comes in the Devil and all his Works; for here's a Man given over to Luxury and Uncleannefs, as many Living Witnesses can testify. With this Prince enter'd a Flood of Debauchery, Atheism, and all manner of Prophaneness; the Land was overflow'n in all Parts with Quarrelling, Fighting, Swearing, Cursing, Drunkenness, and Whoredom; the Roads, the Streets, and Houles ringing with Damme's, and strange new-invented Blasphemies; obscene Discourses every where abounding, which could not otherwise be expected, when we had so Great a Person for our Pattern, for, Like Prince, Like People; *Regis ad Exemplum*, &c. People Dress themselves by the Looking-Glass of their Prince. Now were there Plots of all Kinds, by which many a Brave Man was cut off, and Bloody Designs against *Holland*, tho' all the while in League with them; all Places, Civil, Military, and Ecclesiastical, were fill'd up with Men of prophan Lives; he was

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 an *Hypocrite, a Covenant-breaker, and a bloody Persecutor.* Col  
 informs us, That upon the Restoration of this King, certain Di  
 senting Ministers were sent over to *Holland*, among which wa  
 the Reverend Mr. *Cafe*; who coming to the King's Lodging  
 and desiring to be admitted into his Presence, were led into  
 Chamber next his Closet, and told withal, That the King wa  
*busy at his Devotions*, and that they must stay untill he had done  
 and being thus left alone, and hearing the Sound of Groaning  
 Piety, Mr. *Cafe* steps to the Closet-Door, where he hears the  
 King pray thus: *Lord, since thou art pleas'd to restore me to the*  
*Throne of my Ancestors, grant me a Heart constant in the Exerc*  
*and Protection of thy true Protestant Religion. Never may I see*  
*the Oppression of those who out of Tenderness of Conscience, are*  
*free to conform to outward and indifferent Ceremonies; with a gre*  
 deal more to the same purpose: At which Mr. *Cafe* was exceed  
 ingly transported, and with Eyes and Hands lifted up, tells the  
 rest of his Brethren, *That they had gotten an Angel of a King.* At  
 this was done in Hypocrisy, as appear'd by his Carriage after  
 wards; for notwithstanding that Covenant that he made with  
 them, he turn'd out 2000 Godly Ministers out of their Churches  
 on the Day commonly call'd **Black Bartholomew**; after which  
 what severe and cruel Laws were then executed against them  
 Breaking open their Doors, Rifling their Houses, Seizing their  
 Estates, Casting them into filthy Prisons, where by close Con  
 finement, multitudes of them perish'd; many were convicted  
 without Hearing, or Jury, and some were put to Death for the  
 Conscience sake; the Meeting-Houses were shut up, while the  
 Bawdy-Houses were open.

Yea, and Dissenting Ministers were prohibited from dwelling  
 within *Ten Miles of any City, Town-Corporate, or Borough*, or any  
 Place where they had preach'd since the Act of Oblivion; nor  
 were they suffer'd to teach School by themselves, or any others.  
 Yea, Women were forbid the same, until they had taken the  
 Test. Thus this King continu'd to persecute many of the People  
 of God, whilst himself made Provision for the Flesh, to fulfil  
 it in the Lust thereof; but how he died, † is best known to God  
 and those who were about him, of whom it must be said that he  
 did *Evil in the Sight of the Lord, above all that were before him.*

The next that succeeded, was King *James II.* who began his  
 Reign in the Year 1684. And this King, tho' not altogether  
 lascivious as the former, yet was he a very Bigot to the Church  
 of Rome; 'For no sooner (as a late Author saith) did he come  
 to the Throne, but *Mis-Houses* were set up, and in all halls  
 'Protestants must be converted to his Faith, and therefore

\* A fair Copy for our Anti-Sch. Tracts.  
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† 'Tis thought

Weekly Sermons were appointed for that Purpose, in which Discourses with a bare Face they assert, *That our English Bibles were stuff'd with Lies*; their Popish Catechisms were put into many Hands, to make Profelytes; Father Peters made *Privy-Counsellor*, to confront the Bishops of *Canterbury* and *London*; *Magdalen College* in *Oxon* was fill'd with Romish Priests, Crowds of *Irish Papists* call'd in upon us, with a standing Army, headed with Popish Officers, to the great Terror of the City; the Priests and Jesuits appear publickly in their Religious Habits, under Promise of Protection; the Test in all haste must be taken of; *Outs, Dangerfield*, and *Johnson*, most barbarously used, and Hundreds sacrific'd in the *West*; Protestants were put from all Employment, both Civil and Military; \*illegal Prosecutions, exorbitant Bails, and many more Oppressions, to the great Damage of the Subjects; yea, the *Bishops* were sent to the *Tower*, and the Birth of the *Pretender* was most neatly contriv'd. These Things (saith my Authors) manifested a Celestial Blindness and Madness, even to the Loss of his Three Kingdoms, maugre *all his Lives and Fortune-Men*, the which agrees well with that Observation of the Heathens, *quem perdere vult sapitur prius dementat*, whom God intends to destroy, he first fatuates. Thus was the Church and State over-run by *Popery* and *Arbitrary Power*, and brought to the very Point of *Destruction*; the Sacred Fences of our Laws, the very Constitution of our Legislature were quite broken through, the which consider'd, every true Protestant must say, *That he did Evil in the sight of the Lord.*

Thus 'tis clear (Mr. *Dunton*) by what I have quoted from *Wool, Coke, Johnson*, &c. (All Authors of undoubted Credit) that the most *Secret Passages* which I discover'd in the Reigns of *Charles* and *James* the Second, are all Matter of Fact for (to use your own Words in your *Dedication* to Mr. *CHILDE*) 'As to the more *Secret Transactions, the Consequences and Events* are my Testimonies; and for what was more publickly carried, there are the *loud and general Complaints of the Kingdom* to confirm it.

Mr. *DUNTON*, — Having discovered to you several *SECRETS* that have hitherto lain concealed in the *Arbitrary* and *Popish* Reigns of *Charles* and *James* the Second, next comes in the *Protestant* Reigns of Brave King *WILLIAM* and Royal *MARY*, (of Blessed and Glorious Memory); but I have so much to Discover of our *Deliverance from Popery and Slavery* by these *Two Excellent Monarchs*, (and that from my own *Personal* knowledge of 'em) that the *Pious Secrets* will furnish out (at least)

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\* How much do our *Ant-Schismatics* resemble the *Papists*, who ruin out their Brethren the *Dissenters*?

Two Letters as large as this, and therefore that the *Hanover Spy* might not be too tedious in his first Vilit to the *British Nation*, I'll conclude my *Discoveries* at this Time, with only adding the *Secret History of St. James's*, during the Reigns of *Queen Robin*, *Lady Abigail*, and *Harry Gambol*, who Secretly govern'd Great Britain and Ireland, for the Four last Years of *Queen Ann's* most publick Reign.

As for *Q Anne*, (who was wholly govern'd by these three Reigning Favourites) all I shall say of her at present is, That she died the *First of August*, that very Day that the *Schism-Bill* took place and was buried on that Day commonly call'd *Black Bartholomew* the very Day on which her Uncle turn'd 2000 Godly Ministers out of their Livings. And there's an End of the Race of the *Stuarts*, tho' not of *Queen Anne's* Character, of which more anon.

I come now to the Reigns of *Queen Robin*, *Lady Abigail*, and *Harry Gambol*; where I shall (faithfully) detect all the Secret Steps that were taken by (those Three Queen-Killers) *Ox——* *Bol——ke*, and *Mrs. H——*, to Break her Majesty's Heart, Cheat the Nation, and Restore the Pretender; being a Discovery that's wholly New; and that 'tis all Matter of Fact, I think no Man will question, that reads either——*The Report made by the Committee of Secrecy——* *The Attainder of the Lord Viscount Bol——ke*, — OR — *The late Impeachment of the Earl Ox——rd*, since he was Acquitted by the House of Lords.

But here (Mr. Dunton) perhaps the Loyal Whigs may say Tho' you won't tell us who that *Hanover-Spy* (or *Person of Honour*) is that sends you all your Early and Secret Intelligence yet pray let us know from what Hands *He* receives it, that we may give it the greater Credit.

To this I answer——As soon as I have furnish'd my Outward Man, I take my Station twice every Week at a *L——ds* in *C——C——t*, near *St. J——s's*, the *L-d* I mean is Cousin to *G——l N——*. He is himself a great Wit, a fine Gentleman born in *England*, bred in *France*, and known in all the Courts of *Europe*, particularly in that of *Hanover*, where he was in great Esteem; his House (which is exceeding fine) is it self a very Court, always full of the best Company in *England*, both Natives and Forreigners; and as he Honours me with a particular Esteem and Friendship, I have the Opportunity in my Intimacy there and good Reception, to hear all the Chat of Town and Court; there I meet all the *R——cy*, the Duke of *M——* his Lady, Children, Lord *S——* *P——* *C——* in short all the Men and Ladies of Quality, Distinction, Figure, and Fortune in the Town, that are not profess'd Jacobites, there's perpetual Fund of the best Intelligence, Forreign and Domestick.

My Business here is to Feel the Whigs of Quality, and by them the KING's Pulse ; to find out what will please the Court, and its Friends, and what will *not* please ; to learn the best Intelligence, and confirm my self in the Truth of what I had elsewhere collected, (for a right *Hanover-Spy* will search every suspected place in the whole British Dominions to detect his Majesty's Enemies, and do Justice to his Friends). As soon as I have done this, I intermit of my frequent Visits to St. James's to gain Leisure for Writing, and do find by what I have already discover'd (and which I hope will please both the City and Country Whigs, as I am positive 'twill the Court) the *Judas Reign of King H——* ly will contain at least One Hundred Distinct SECRETS ; for consider 'tis to be *A Compleat History of that Villain's Ministry*, (for he must certainly be such himself that dares be so False and Knaveish as to give him a *better* Name) and all its material Occurrences, publick and private, likewise of his Assistants, *Bolingbroke* and *Abigail*, with proper Inferences from the several Discoveries. In which I endeavour to set the Hypocrisy and Treason of *Queen Robin*, and of those Two Reigning Favourites, *GAMBAL* and *M——M*, in a clear View, and to give the Jacobite Character of some of their inferiour Tools, such as *A——thur M——r*, *M——t P——r*, &c. Neither do I forget (Mr. *Dunton*) to intersperse in a handsome decent Manner, your Services and Sufferings for the Good of your Country, and to defend you from the (undeserv'd) Slanders of your Enemies, when to conceal their Treason, or excuse their Ingratitude, they call you a MADMAN for scorning to flatter the greatest Duke, Earl, Lord or Baronet, in any Sin whatsoever, but more especially in those Scandalous and Beggerly Vices of *Ingratitude* and *Avarice*. But alas ! Mr. *Dunton*, thus they treated that truly Sober and Excellent Divine the Reverend Mr. *WILLIAM BISSET* ; and therefore you ought to despise the Spiteful Slander of being call'd a *Madman*, for no other Reason but your Distinguish'd Loyalty to King *George*, and Plain Dealing with the Whigs at Court, for which every Man of true Honour and Goodness will the more care and respect you. However, (as to my self) I shall ever be of the same Opinion with Mr. *Dunton*, That *to dress up the Devil like an Angel of Light*, is indeed *Madness* ; for tho we ought to Give the Devil his Due, yet we ought not to give him *one good Word*, which if I know any thing of the Author of *Neck or Nothing*, (he's so truly Honest) he'd not act so wicked, false, or mean a Part, wou'd he give him *all the Kingdoms of this World, and the Glory of 'em*, for a Panegyrick on his Cloven Foot.

Then (Mr. *Dunton*) do you and the World judge if I am not able to furnish you every Week with Early and Secret Intelligence, and what Credit may be given to the Discoveries I make  
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either in Church or State, you have shewn at large in your CASE Inscrib'd to the KING.

But waving this Digression (of proving the Truth of my Intelligence from the Great Men from whom I receive it) I come now to discover to you ——— *The Secret Reigns of Queen Robin* ——— *The Lady Abigail* ——— and ——— *Harry Gambol*.

I shall begin with the *Secret Reign of the Lady Abigail*, to whom (Mr. *Dunton*) you have been kinder than her Sp———, since you have made her a Lady, which he wou'd not; but (pray Sir) let her be a Gentlewoman first, and proceed gradually to Quality, tho she did not so to the Royal Favour. Well, to satisfy your Curiosity, her Name was *Abigail H———*; her Father who was but of mean Birth (as her own Relations inform me) was a *T———* Merchant, and broke, then turn'd Preacher to some of the Sectarys, went abroad to some of the Plantations where he died, leaving a Wife and a World of miserable Children behind him. The Mother (who was a *T———*) was related to the present Treasurer (or, and her Friends were so Good to take the Children till they were of an Age to get a Living for themselves. Our Exalted *Abigail* was kept by Mrs. *M———* (who was her Mother's Relation) till her Quality of making continual Disturbances both in the Family and Neighbourhood made Mr. *M———* contrive a Stratagem to get rid of such a Pest which was to pretend to be in Love with her. His Lady, according to his Order, was to discover his Passion, and to pretend such an Uneasiness at it, as to put her Rival out of Door. Poor Mrs. *Abigail* was then forced to serve one Lady *R———*, Baronet's Lady of *Kent*, now a poor Widow, and living in *W———*, but not taken notice of by Madam *M———*, who now scorns to own an Acquaintance with a Lady she once thought herself honour'd to serve in the nature of a Chamber-Maid. 'Tis said she serv'd some Citt —— But this I can't affirm. 'Tis true, she was distantly Related by the Mother to Lady *M———* who unhappily placed her about the *Q———*, to her own and the Misfortune of *Europe*. You must not suppose Love, but Interest made *C——— M———* to take her; and perhaps he's now sensible of his Error too late. He's an Honest Gentleman, and too much a Whig to desire to Rise on the Ruins of his Country or Religion, which makes him support his Wife's Interest in the *Q———* with more Chagrine than others do their Disgraces. Tho' for her Fortune and Birth, and for her *Person*, 'tis very far from Beautiful, Engaging, or any thing that can be call'd Agreeable. She's not Young, at least a good deal past the Year you tell me

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(a) Note, This *Secret History of the Lady Abigail* was sent to the Author of *Neck or Nothing* when *Queen Robin* was Lord High Treasurer of *Great-Britain*, and Mrs. *H———* the chief Favourite Woman

Woman has done Charming, and was so before C—— M——  
knew her. She's Fat, and has the Complexion of a Good Fellow.  
All the rest of her Person is of a peice with what I've described;  
to her Mind, 'tis suited exactly to the disagreeable Case that  
is inclosed in; and for her other Qualifications, she is famous  
for none, but what she exercis'd at Mr. M——s and Ingratitude,  
except one she has learned, or as most think only improved at  
Court, I mean that which gives the agreeable Tincture of a  
little Red to her Complexion; but to give you the most just  
Idea of this wonderful Machine of State, take her Character  
from her own Mouth, in the Words of a Person who next to  
her self best knew her.

*My Dispositions they are good,  
Mischievous, and a Liar,  
A saucy proud Ingrateful Brute,  
And for the Church intire.*

You know the rest, no doubt; 'tis my Opinion good Language  
could be thrown away on such an Animal, who Loves Money  
more than her Soul, and has nothing in her Birth, Temper, Edu-  
cation, in any part of Soul or Body Generous, Christian, or hardly  
humane, don't look on this as the effect of Partiality to her  
predecessor Lady M——h, but as it really is, meerly the force of  
Truth that would not permit me to assert a Falshood, and  
thereby to expose my self to the Aversion of the best of Men,  
by an Encomium on the worst of Women, (*viz. King Abigail*)  
whose Reign at Court was but short, but (as you'll hear anon  
under the Reigns of *Queen Robin* and *Harry Gambol*) was most  
tyrannical and Mischievous.

Mr. DUNTON,——Having discovered to you what I thought  
necessary to be known of the Secret Reign of the Lady *Abigail*,  
I shall next present you with the *Secret Reigns* of those Two other  
Queen Killers, King *H——ly* and *Harry Gambol*, who (with the  
reigning Favourite before-mentioned) *broke her Majesty's Heart*,  
*oppressed the Nation*, and went so far towards *Restoring a Popish Pre-*  
*ponder*, that had Queen *Anne* liv'd but a Month longer, they had  
certainly set their *Sham-King* on the British Throne, as will ap-  
pear by the following Discoveries of their Treason and Villany  
to her late Majesty, which (Mr. *Dunton*) I think necessary to in-  
troduce, with declaring, The wonderful and sudden Change  
of our Condition (by the Death of her late Majesty) has  
stunned me, that I could not readily Write you this,  
and do it now in pure Friendship, to set you Right if pos-  
sible in your Judgment of Things and People, in particular

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(1) Alias *Queen Robin*.

in Relation to the late Queen; 'tis not Generous, nor indeed Christian, to insult a Person incapable of defending themselves and we ought to be particularly careful how we pass Judgment on the Actions of Princes, whilst they Live, for our own Safety, and the quiet of the World, and when Dead, because they are then gone to that Being who only knows the Secrets of all Hearts, 'tis best in each Case to be Silent, especially for Persons so far remov'd from a near View of their Transactions, we know perhaps and hear what is done, but know little or nothing of the Motives, our Laws I think establish it as a fundamental Maxim, that *Kings can do no Ill*, and if that were ever true 'twas in the late Queen. I will not deny many ill Things were done in her Reign, but I absolutely refuse to Charge her with them unless you can prove (what no Man can) that they were done by her Instigation : I affirm on the contrary, and can prove it that she was Innocent as to the Designing part, and Ignorant of most of the Practick ones, in short she had the unhappiness to have (as all Princes have) ill Men about her, and these dictated as well as acted ; therefore they, and they only, deserve the Infamy as well as Punishment of what was Amiss, and may they have both, I beseech God, who defends the Innocent, and will surely punish the Guilty, if that good Princess erred, I dare Answer 'twas never of Malicious wickedness, she faithfully served God to the utmost of her Power ; she tenderly loved her People, and always wished and desired their Good, it had not pleased Heaven to indue her with so large a Measure of Wisdom to discern between Good and Evil, as it had with Sincerity and Virtue I know, Mr. DUNTON, you won't believe this Secret Character of Queen *Anne* to be Matter of Fact (not only as she was *STUART*, but as she was entirely in the Pretender's Interest about Six Months before she dyed, but that neither your self nor any Loyal Whigs may think I've here said more in the Praise of her late Majesty than she really deserved, see that Pious Character I've here given of her farther confirm'd by that Excellent Prelate *Gilbert*, late Bishop of *Sarum*, who in a Sermon preach'd before his Majesty King *GEORGE*, *October 31. 1714.* declares to his *Royal and Noble Auditors*, That ' our late Gracious Queen ' was a Princess, whom in a Course of many Years I had the ' Honour to know so particularly, that I am bound to say, I saw ' Great and Eminent Vertues in her, the height of Conjugal Affection, and of Motherly Care, an engaging Mildness towards all Persons, a constant Readiness to Acts of Charity, with an uninterrupted Course of Solemn Devotion, and a high Degree of Patience and Submission to the Will of God, under long and sharp Pains. In these she was a great Example ' these fell all under my particular Observation, for I presur

not to speak of those Things, into the Secret of which I was never called, but only of Things that I saw and knew.

When the fatal Hour of her Dissolution came, it was with such a sudden Stroke, that all the World was surprized, and all bad Designs were prevented. But if ill designing Men imposed on her Weakness, and fearful Nature, and acted their own Villanies under the Shelter of her Royal Authority, she was to be rather pitied than blamed, and were indeed blameable, yet what she suffered might atone for it: 'Tis too too true her heart was Broke, and Grief was the Cause of her sudden Death: To convince you of this, I will inform you of a great Secret not known to the World, and which I desire may (tho' a real Truth) go no farther at present, viz. That *the Brethren in Iniquity, H--ly, Abigail, and B---ke, have been wrangling amongst themselves these Six Months*; the first Feud began between the Two HE MONSTERS, then Madam came in for her Share upon this Motive she not content with the Privy-Purse, wanted, forsooth, 12000 l. a Year Pension for Life; her Cousin *H--ly* was a little satisfy'd with the Treasury, and thought that Pension would do as well for him, each begg'd it of the Queen, and each opposed the others Pretensions, at last the Quarrel grew so High, that *M---m* refused *H--ly* Visits, at first the Servants were instructed to tell him always *she was not at Home*; but that Answer not satisfying his Lordship, he took the Liberty to go up to her Apartment, but was met by some Servants in an *Anti-Chamber*, who were commanded to stop him, and tell him, *their Lady would not see him*, however the *Poor Queen* was not to be let into *this Secret*, no more then into all their others, that much more *nearly concerned her self and People*, they disguised Matters some Weeks, in the meantime *B---ke* and *Mrs. Minks* laid their Heads together how to out the T-----, and get in their whole Party, a *General Change in the Ministry was concerted*; all *H--ly's* Creatures were to be laid aside, except his Hireling Scribblers, and instead of a Jumble of Scotch and English Torys, Churchmen, Jacobites and Papists, they were to be *all English Jacobites, Atheists and Papists*. All the Difficulty was to get *H--ly* out; they first tryed to persuade him to accept of a Pension of 3000 l. a Year for Life; but tho' the mortal has as little Wit as his Neighbours, yet he it seems could discern the Difference between 3000 l. and 10000 l. a Year. Besides, his Safety was concerned in the keeping possession of the Treasury; 3000 l. a Year would go but a little way in Bribing 100 Men. In short, he would not come to, which so exasperated his Antagonists, that they reveal'd all his Villanys to the Queen, and he return'd the Favour in the same Coyn; at length, all was discover'd, each side charged the other with a Design to bring in the Pretender, and defeat the Protestant Succession.



Her Majesty knew nothing of this Wrangle till 'twas come to such a Height all her Subjects saw it; then was she forced to hear each Side accuse the other of the worst Crimes, *viz.* TRESON, and in the worst Language, *viz.* Billingsgate, *You are a Raskal, You Villain, You a Jade, You a Pitiful Attorney, &c.* The Appellation of Traytor was common to them all; which made her Majesty say to *these Three Favourites*, *'Who would be a Queen to hear Language not fit for Gentlemen to speak, much less for a Princess to bear.* But this comes of making Upstarts Sovereigns. I don't think but the Pretender himself would have had more Manner than *Queen Robin, Bolingbroke, the Lady Abigail*, and the rest of their Jacobite Tools shew'd to her late Majesty. But, *that I may Give the Devil his Due*, these Two last, tho' both of 'em Infamous Wretches, and Secret Enemies to the Protestant Succession in the *Illustrious House of Hanover*, yet are SAINTS if compar'd with the Earl of Ox——, who, Mr. Dunton, (as you fairly and seasonably prov'd in your *Neck or Nothing*) is the *Worst* Man on this side Hell. And I'm sure no True Friend to the House of Hanover will doubt this, that considers the Base Mischief he did to his Native Country for the Three Years he usurp'd her Majesty's Throne, will (scarce) be Repair'd in as many Ages: *'As a ignominious destructive Peace; The loss of our Trade; The Breathing with, and even Giving up our Allies and Religion, with our Succession, to the Power of France; Betraying the Councils of our faithful Confederates to theirs and our Countrys Enemies; Starving our Soldiers and Seamen; and Giving away Spain and the West-Indies to the French King;* for so it is in Reality, as these, I say, and all the other Steps that have made us Poor at Home, and Contemptible Abroad, were all Projected, Advised, Directed, and even Commanded by *Queen Robin*, we may allow him to be (as I said before) *the Worst Man on this side Hell*, and *the Greatest Villain in the World ever produced since the Traytor Judas*. And Ox—— had the greatest Hand in our Dangers and Disgrace so *when the Loyal House of Commons Revive their Impeachment* he ought in Justice to have the largest share of the Ignominy and Punishment, due to the Transactors of such Wickedness. I don't say this to excuse *Bolingbroke*, or *M——m*, or any of his other Accomplices in Treason, from the Axe or Halter; NO, but *let the Greatest Criminal have the Greatest Punishment and Infamy* even a double, treble Portion of both; I still mean the Great Deceiver and Seducer (*H——ly*) for sure no Man was ever such an Emblem of the Devil. For first, like Satan, he drew (*Bolingbroke* and *Lady Abigail*) into Sin, and then like him (as is seen in his breaking the Queen's Heart, and private Quarrels with his Fellow Traytors) turn'd an *Accuser of the Brethren*, and would likewise be their *Tormentor*, were it in his Power.

The poor, unhappy, and ignorant Queen, surpriz'd at all this Wickedness, quickly discarded *Master Villain*, and not being able to overcome the Surprize and Grief she was under, Resigned her soul, her wounded and afflicted Soul, into the Hands of a merciful Creator, and faithful High-Priest, where I make no question it enjoys eternal Rest amongst those that *Sleep in the Lord Jesus*, which may we all do. For my part (*Mr. Danton*) I am equally joyful as you are at our Deliverance, and I do acknowledge the Queen's Death was as well the Blessing, as the Work of Heaven, but I can't allow that our Dangers were owing to her Intentions and Designs, but wholly to the Weakness of her Judgment and Wickedness of her Ministry. *B . . . ke* wou'd be content for a while (not as some thought for Modesty sake, but meerly Fear of disobliging his Friends) to be only One of the Five Commissioners of the Treasury, for *M . . . m's* Brother and Husband must be two, so there was Three of the Commissioners; and tho' *Will Wildfire* would gladly have had in his Friend *Gambol* (for those indeed are Names better adapted to their Qualifications, than as the *German Doctor* places them) yet out of their great Grace and Favour, if the Queen insisted on it, she should be suffered to nominate Two of the Five. But Thanks be to God, all these, and innumerable other of their wicked Designs, are Defeated; and 'tis hoped a great deal of the ill Effects of their Four Years Transactions may be prevented by this wonderful, this very unexpected, and most miraculous Turn of Affairs. Almighty God has vindicated his own Honour, by not permitting any Mortal to have any the least Hand in the Deliverance of his Church and People. Sycophants and foolish People used to give him many Shareers in the Glory of all our former Successes, and even attributed so much to his Rivals, that God himself, the only Giver of all, was generally last acknowledg'd, if at all. Were we Victorious abroad, then the *D . . . of M . . . b*, or Prince *E . . . ne*, *C . . . n* or *W . . . b*, were to have all the Praise; Success, the immediate Favour of Heaven, was ascrib'd to their Conduct, Courage, &c. Were our Councils Wise and happy at home, then *G-d-pain*, *S-d-land*, *W-pole*, &c. were to have the sole Honour. No wonder then that a Jealous God, that has solemnly declared *he will not give his Glory to another*, should leave us to these broken Cylinders and weak Knees, and teach us by theirs and our dear Experience, *how little Trust there is in Man, or in the Son of Man*, how unable the Arm of Flesh is to save us, without his Assistance; therefore *he that Glories, let him Glory in the Lord*, who only does wondrous things; *he that Rejoyces, let him Rejoyce in the Lord*, and he that trusts, let him trust in the Lord, for he that Glories, Rejoyces, or Trusts in any thing else, will find his Mistake.

What is become of all the Pride, the Boasts, and long-concocted Schemes of our Home and Foreign Enemies? Are not all these

these baffled in a Moment, and that by no Humane Wisdom, Wealth, or Strength, but the immediate Hand of God Himself. Had the Poor Queen lived but One Month, nay One Week, (as hers and our Enemies often in her Illness did with) humanely speaking, they had accomplish'd their Designs. The first thing upon her Decease that occur'd to my Memory, was the 126th Psalm, which I refer to your Perusal, and is in my Judgment very applicable to our Case; for tho we can say, *thus far has God helped us*, yet if the same Almighty Hand does not perfect our Deliverance, *we are not yet out of the reach of our Enemies*; far, very far, God knows, from it; the thing is too obvious to need Explanation; I can assure you, many of those who signed the Proclamation, are in Heart on the other Side, and will be so in Action, if God don't prevent their Designs. However, as to Queen Anne, 'tis my Advice to you, that when you have occasion to mention her in any of your future Writings, that you do it with great Respect to her Memory; for certainly the worst way of making Court to our present Sovereign, would be to insult at the last; and if it were not so, yet *when the Dead is at rest*, (says the wise Son of Sirach) *let his Memory rest*. We shall never have a Prince free from Human Infirmities; I am positive, none with greater Piety, Sincerity, Chastity, Temperance, Clarity, Compassion, Good Nature, Humility, Condescension, and every Christian Virtue, than our late Queen possessed in an eminent degree, if God had not given her Wisdom for this World, he did for a much better place, where she, I dare say, now enjoys eternal Happiness. Every Man, nor every Prince (like our present truly Wise and Gracious Sovereign) is not capable of *discerning of Spirits*; but God is too Gracious to require what he has not been pleased to bestow. As to *Intemperance*, and any *Tendency to Popery*, those that best knew her, when most disobliged, always clear'd her in those Popular Mistakes, and always allow'd her to be, though a Weak, yet a Well-incin'd and Well-meaning Woman. I will quote you Three of my Vouchers, viz. Good Mr. L——, the Duke and Dutchess of Marlborough. These three, who long and intimately knew her, have always given her the Character of a Good Woman, and a Good, Pious, Charitable, and truly Devout Christian: If *Ill People* led her astray, let them bare the Blame and the Punishment, but *let her Name and Memory ever be dear to all that esteem Vertue*. In a private Life, she would have been the Glory of her Sex, as much as she was once the Envy of all Princes, and may we never have a worse, and use the next better! But alas! I see so little hopes of a Reformation among the Jacobites (or High-Churchmen) that we find 'em (were it possible) more Vile and Impudent in this Reign than they were in the last, for says an Oxford Gentleman to the Loyal Author of *The Flying Post*.

S I R,

Oxon, Feb. 4. 1718.

PRAY insert the following Letter, in order to convince the World what the King and his Family may expect from our High-Church People in this University, tho they have all abjur'd the Pretender, except little Mr. *Hern*, who is maintain'd by the rest. It was sent by a Divine with *Hanging Sleeves*, to a certain Gentleman that is known for his Love and Loyalty to K. *George*.

S I R,

YOU are desired to appear at the Parliament-House, to give upon Oath what you know as to the Affairs of James Goodman, late Ground Landlord of your Parish, whose Son is yet living, and was kept out of his Estate by one William Hook, and Anne Singleton, and is now kept out by the present George H——n; there you shall meet with the rest of your Parishioners, who have paid many a Pound. You are therefore desired to give your Opinion, whether or no his Son ought to have his Estate restored to him, with all the Arrears that have been paid to the aforesaid Persons. This is all at present from,

Your Humble Servant to Command, -- When you can find me.

This Letter is so flagrant of it self, that Remarks thereupon are needless; but it would seem the Faction is not to be reclaim'd by what has been done hitherto, either by way of Clemency, or Justice. It may easily be perceiv'd how dangerous it is to have such Men continu'd in a Capacity to poison the Youth and others of the Nation, with such treasonable Principles.

Mr. *Dunton*, —— I have SPYED out many other Secrets relating to *Queen Robin*, *Lady Abigail*, and *Harry Gambol*, and other Plotting Creatures both in Church and State; but for want of Time to transcribe 'em fair for the Press, I shall make 'em the Subject of a distinct Letter, and when you have publish'd all the Discoveries I shall send to you respecting the Reigns of K. *William*, Q. *Mary*, and Pious (tho Unfortunate) *Anne*, I'll then send you *The Secret History of our Steddy and Glorious GEORGE*, which (like a right *Hanover-Spy*) I shall begin from his *Birth*, and will continue it down to the late *Misunderstanding in the Royal Palace*, with what farther Discoveries I can make at Court, either with respect to the Late or Present Reign. And as this will be the most Surprizing and Useful Part of my *Secret History of S. James's*, I'd have you publish it Every Week in a Small Packet, that so being read by all the Loyal Subjects of *Great-Britain*, (by comparing the Popish Reigns with such as are truly Protestant) they may be all convinced how happy they might be if they would themselves under the Present Reign of our Lawful and Ever-Glorious Sovereign KING GEORGE, who has not only Reviv'd the *Golden-Age* in the British Dominions by his own Royal Example, and the Sincere and Steddy Practice of every Princely Vertue, but does the utmost that lies in his Power to secure the Present Establishment both in Church and State, and

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to make us all a truly Protestant and Happy People. Then judge (Mr. Dutton) what Pious Discoveries I shall be able to make in the Secret Reign of our Present Monarch, and in every Branch of his Illustrious House, even such as will not only gratify the most nice and curious Palate, but what will endear both his Royal Person and Family to every British Protestant that loves either his Religion or Country. Neither can you disappoint you *Athe-  
zine Readers* (of these Royal and Court Secrets) for every FRI-  
DAY to the Day of my Death, this Packet of New Discoveries shall be safely convey'd to you by that Trusty Messenger that brings this my *Second Packet from St. James's*. I call it so, as the First Discoveries I sent to you from this Royal Palace, you both Worded and Methodiz'd exactly according to the Private Direc-  
tions I sent you, and most properly call'd 'em *Neck or Nothing*.

Mr. Dutton, ——— (I shall only add at present) as you are so Truly Honest as to *Examine Colours* in the Publishing Bold Truths, (of which your late Venture of *Neck or Nothing* is a Bright and Undeniable Proof) so you shall find me as Fearless in Recording of 'em; and as a Proof of this, the First WEEKLY-SPY I shall send to you (after I have detected the Secret Reigns of *William, Mary, and Anne*) shall contain *A Private Search into the Families, Cabinets, Misses, Politics, Conversation, and Morals of some Great Men at Court*.

Mr. Dutton, I shall also send you *A Secret History of the NATURAL CHILDREN* of all the Keeping Gallies (that are found in the British Court) and I shall introduce this Detection with A Distinct Account of the Life and Character of that truly Ingenious Gentleman (tho' Notorious Jacobite) Mr. *Richard Savage* Natural Son to the late Earl Rivers by the Countess of *Macclesfield*. In these Discoveries, I shall make some Reflections on Mr. *Savage's* Mad (tho' truly Diverting) POEM, intitled, *The Convocation of the Parliament of Devils*, and upon other Frantick Attempts that have in great distinguish'd this First Rate Poet from all other Jacobites in our *Island*. I own this Discovery of the *Natural Children* will be a bold Attempt, but as they are all so Vain and *Unprofitable* (as to *Loss of their Noble Descent*, I hope to bring their *Whoring* to *Light*, may reform the Lewd and Unchristian Lives of some Great Lords at Court, and then I'm sure Mr. *Savage* will be allow'd to publish it, be his Danger never so great in making these Discoveries. However I shan't scruple to say at parting (I have so much regard to his Majesty's Honour, the Reputation of the *Printed History*, and my own Interest, that you shou'd be Nobly Reward'd for that Seasonable service you did your Country) that I am as much concern'd as the *Serving* Author of *Neck or Nothing*, that his Desperate and Successful hazards in Serving the Publick, han't yet partal'd that Royal Reward which the whole Nation says you deserve, and don't doubt will obtain as soon as ever your *Printed Case* has inform'd the King, how Early as well as how very Successfully you have distinguish'd your self in the service ——— I am in the mean time,

Your Hearty Friend and Servant, *Sc'd*