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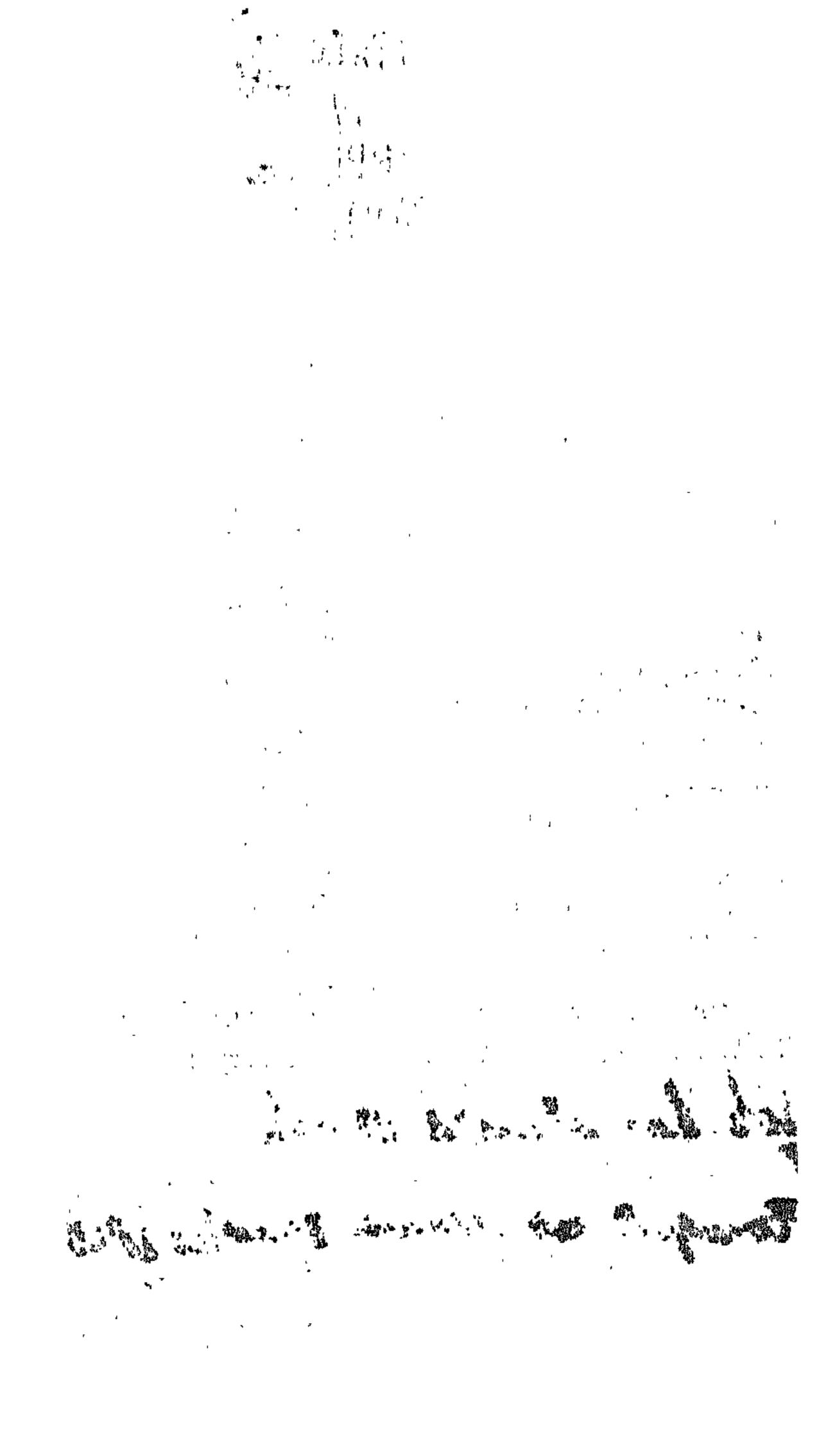
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## READER

Courteous Reader,

A Good Wine needs
no Bush, so neither
does this Academy
stand in Need of a Commendatory Epistle: It is
enough for those that are
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## To the READER.

conscious of their own Faults, to beg for Pardon. For my Part, since I am satisfied that what I here offer is Genuine, and not spurious, I am not solicitous whether the READER likes it or not, for I am sure it will commend itself to a Man of Understanding; and therefore he that dislikes it must be otherwise; and I know no Reason I have to make Apologies for the Imbecility of my Reader.

# To the READER.

But although I care not for to court my Reader, yet I love to be civil; and will therefore assure him, That what he reads in the Title, he will find made good in the Book: And if that will not satisfy him, he has no Reason to buy it; if it will, be has no Reason to complain of being disappointed; and I may well enough pass for an honest Man, in being as good as my Word. I have only this to say further, that you have not here an Old Book new vamped, but A 3 an

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an entire New Piece; which must certainly please, since the Age is so addicted to Novelty. Farewell.

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MADAM,

OUR Beauty is the Clue that guides my Heart thro' all the winding La-

byrinths of Love.

Your Beauty is the Pole-Star of my Soul, and brings my wandring Heart toss'd on the Billows of Inconstancy, to the defired Haven of its Rest.

Your Goodness, like the Sun's benign Rays, chears my despairing Soul, and makes makes me hope, in Spite of my Unworthinels.

Madam, I cannot but hope, that what your Beauty has inspired, your Goodness will cherish. But should my Hopes prove vain, yet should I be proud of a Passion that has aspired to the Enjoyment of so great a Bliss as you are the Possessor of.

I shall esteem it Happiness enough, Madam to have the Honour of making my sincerest Addresses to you, though I were sure never to meet with reciprocal Affection.

Tho' Cupid has oftentimes assayed to wound my Heart, yet I have still despis'd the foolish Boy, and turned his Arrows back again unwounded. But at the Sight of your bright Eyes, my Heart was quickly pierced, and I straitways became your Captive. For who cou'd hope to encounter with so many Charms as you are armed withal, and yet come off unvariquish'd?

Madam, my Constancy is immutable; and as great the Cause of it, your match-less Beauty.

Madam, to think Cruelty and Pride could harbour in so fair a Breast as yours, would

would be to think! that there are Spots in the Sun; and that the Fountain of Light could be cover'd with Darkness.

I cannot but hope for a favourable Answer to my Addresses, since your Goodness is equal to your Beauty, and fo will heal the Wounds which that has made.

Madam, I can affure you, without an I-Typerbole, that nothing can be greater than the Passion I have for you, unless it be that which created it; I mean your all conquering Beauty.

Madam, There is something so lovely in your charming Face, that it transcends the largest of my Thoughts, and much less is it to be expressed by mine, or any

Mortal's Tongue.

Madam, It is Injustice to deny me the Knowledge of my Destiny: For if you refuse me, I am resolved to chuse a nobler Fate than that of Niobe, to weep my felf into a Marble Statue.

Madam, To fall a Sacrifice to your Resentments, and to die the Victim of your Beauty, would be my Glory were it not that thereby I should for ever be divorced from that which is abundantly more dear than Life it self, your charming Perion. Then

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Then dearest Madam, let the Allhealing Balms of your Compassion be poured into those Wounds which your Beauty has given me: For why, with inexorable Rigour, should you cause me to die in Pain, when 'tis wichin the Compass of your Power to make me live in Pleasure?

Madam, Let me die, and yet not know for what Offence it is. I know no Crime that I am guilty of, unless it be of an Excess of Love: But who can love too much; when our brightest Beauty is the charming Object of its Passion?

Ah! dearest Madam, the Ardour of my Passion is so great, that it will quickly hurry me into my Grave, where I shall be for ever covered with the dark Mantle of Oblivion, unless, by your redeeming

avour, my Fate may be retrieved.

But say, Divinest Lady, shall all my sincerest Endeavours to serve you, meet with no other Return that what your Frowns bestow? My shattered Bark cannot always live in Storms, and therefore, unless the beneficent Rays of your Favour dispel those Clouds your angry Looks portend, I shall either split upon the fatal Rocks of black Despair, or suffer Shipwrack wrack on the Quicksands of your inexorable Disdain.

Fairest of Ladies, how shall I enough admire your charming Person! How shall I sufficiently humble myself at your Feet, to let you know the Greatness of the Power you have over me!

Madam, tho' none can shew more charming Features than your lovely self, yet do the Brightness of your illustrious Virtues far transcend them, and will retain their Lustre, when Time shall be no

more.

How happy, thou Soul of Sweetness, do I think myself, whilst my glad Eyes

are feafting on your Beauty?

How long, Madam, shall I feed upon the Wind, like a Camelion, and embrace a Cloud instead of Juno? If all my Vows to serve you be in vain, and you resolve to punish the Rashness of my Love with an unrelenting Aversation, be so kind to tell me so, that Death may put a Period to those lingering Pains, that now my Heart is made the Subject of.

The Sun may as well blame the World for delighting in his All-enlivening Beams, as you can be offended for my admiring you: For the Lustre of your Virtues

Virtues shine so bright, that whosoever sees, must straight admire it.

O tell me, thou Epitome of Sweetness, what Services shall I perform, what Worlds subdue, to be Prosessor of that Bliss which lies in your Power to make me happy with.

Who can withstand the many Charms that you are armed withal, united; when every single Charm you bear about you, has Force enough to lay the stoutest Champions at your Feet: Your golden Hair appears upon your Head like slaming Amber: Your Forehead's like a Rock of Alabaster: Your sparkling Eyes two Quarries of bright Diamonds: Your Lips like Coral, and your Teeth like Pearl: The snowy Whiteness of your milky Breasts, make even purest Lillies die with Paleness: And Roses blush into a deeper Red, to emulate the Crimson of your Cheeks: Your Belly

Is the rich Casket of so great a Bliss, My fault'ring Tongue, can scarce tell what it is.

Fairest of all thy Sex, conquered by your bright Eyes, I come to offer up my Captive Heart a Victim at your Feet, and

Ambition reaches no further than to wear the glorious Title of the humblest of your Vassals.

It is upon your Smiles my Life depends: And if you frown upon me, not Fate it-

felf can fave me from the Grave.

O best of Women, extend that Goodness so essential to you, unto a hapless Lover, who languishes for one kind Smile from those fair Eyes, whose pierceing Rays have wounded him so deeply, that nothing but a Passion equal to that which he retains for you, can Work his Cure.

May all my Hopes of Happiness prove Pain, if I have any sinister Designs in my Addresses to you; if all my Thoughts of you are not as chaste as Vows of Vestal

Virgins at the Altar.

Madam, You are the only Object of my Love, The Love of Heaven, and Heaven in whose (Orbs move:

My choice Delight, Delight of all my chief Æthereal Spirits, Spirit of my Life, Life of my Soul, and Soul of my Desires; Desire of that Perfection that admires.

And

And honours you, Perfection of the best,
The best of Women, and a Woman grac'd
With Beauty, Beauty that does far surpass
What seems most glorious in this earthly Mass:
Mass of supreme Perfection, and Perfection
Of Art and Nature, Thus much my Affection
Endeavours in your Praises to disclose,
That you by those Gradations may compose
Yourself in every Action, Thought, Discourse,
To be all mine, as I am wholly yours.

Madam, the Passion I have for you, is no Platenic Love, but that which aims at your Enjoyment: For, looking on you as the chiefest Treasure of my Soul, I cannot be indifferent in my Endeavours to obtain you

obtain you.

Madam, I cannot but with a grateful Heart acknowledge the many Favours you have bestowed upon me, and yet do own I am unworthy of the least. But I must tell you, Madam, 'tis your fair Self that's the bright Prize I aim at: and in Comparison of that, I should despite the Mountains of Pearls, and Rocks of Diamonds.

Madain, There is none of your Commands that I'll refuse to yield Obedience to, unless it be this cruel one, of non adoring: adoring: Not Fate itself can impose this upon me; for this would be to offer Violence to my Nature, and contradict my dearest Inclination.

Madam, your Favours are so many, and so free, that it must be the Business of

my Life to study a Requiral.

Madam, I am fure no Cruelty can dwell where so much Goodness sits enthron'd; and therefore let not the sincerest of Lovers be abandoned to Despair; but let one Spark of Hope give Life to his Love, as a propitious Omen, that at last it may slame out into a full Enjoyment.

It is your Beauty, Madam, that has enkindled in my Heart that Flame of Love that cannot be extinguished but with my Life.

As Rivers run into the Sea, as their common Center, so all the Lines of my Affections center in you fair Self, as in their proper Object.

Madam, your Beauty is the Conqueres of Men, who could be always gazing upon the radiant Lustre of your Eyes.

When I enjoy your charming Company, methinks I am in Paradife; your your Eyes then making me a Feast of Love.

It is not through any Consciousness of my own Deserts I aim'd so high, as to make your fairest Self the Object of my best Affections: My Presumption hath this Excuse, it was directed by Love; and I may well stay when my Guide is blind.

Fairest of your Sex, you cannot sure look with Indisference upon a Person that

owns so great a Passion for you.

Madam, Your Soul is so divinely bright, whatever is not so, dares not approach your Presence, lest by the Light of your bright Virtues, it sees its own Desor-

mity.

Well dearest Lady, must I needs part with all my Happiness at once? Then adieu thou better Genius of my Soul: And let me beg this one Request at parting, that you would think me always with you; for I am sure we cannot part, since our Hearts are so sirmly united.

Madam, tho' my Person be removed from you, my Purpose is not; for I still retain and will, till Death, the unalterable.

Resolution of being always yours.

Madam

Madam, I shall ever sacrifice the best of my Endeavours to the Service of your best Affections.

Dear Soul of my Affections, my Heart won't suffer my Tongue to utter that cruel Word, Farewell; since, when I leave you, I part with the sole Object of my Happiness.

Madam, if you know not how to love, I am fure I know not how to live; for Life will be to me without your Love far

worle than Death itself.

Dearest Lady, If the very Thoughts of your Departure make me melancholly, think, if you can, how much Inquietude your real Absence will make me suffer.

Dear Abstract of my Joy, it is beyond, the Epiphet of Cruelty, to frown at parting thus: That Cloud seems to fore-bode a Storm; and yet I fancy, that so serene a Breast as yours can never harbour Anger. You only seem so to amuse me: For under all those angry Frowns, the Deity of Love takes up his Lodging.

Madam, Farewell; the Quintessence of all my Prayers attend you: Altho' you may be at a Distance from me, yet we cannot properly be said to part, since

the compleat Idea of your matchless Beauty, is locked up as the Jewel of my Soul, within the inmost Closet of my Heart.

Fairest, adieu; Be still more fortunate, but less cruel; whilst I, altho' you will not make me happy, resolve you shall not make me inconstant; for I will love you, tho' without any Prospect of obtaining you.

Madam, Let me have but the Favour to discover my Afflictions; and then, if you shall think fit, for ever silence me.

Fairest of Creatures, blush; since to be coy, is to be cruel, and to be cruel, is to be otherwise than what you seem, a Beauty.

Fair one, this Kils from your inspiring Hand, will add to all my former Happi-

ness,

Madam, Your Excellencies are the Admiration of the World; like a fair Picture, you draw all Mens Eyes to see and wonder.

Fair Creature, you are that rich Cabinet where Nature hath locked up all her Rarities:

Madam, The Treasure of Grace and Nature were exhausted, to make you the Quintessence of all Perfecti-

Dear Madam, I am loaden with the Fruits of Love, and should be proud, if

you please but to participate.

Fair Load-stone of my Heart, the Breath of new-blown Roses falls far short of the Sweetness of your most fragrant Lips.

Dear Madam, the Perfume of your sweet Breath informs me, that your Mo-

ther fed on Roses, when she bred you.

Sweetest of Creatures, don't hide those Lamps of Heaven from my Sight, I mean your sparkling Eyes; for they are the two bright Stars, by which the Bark of my Affection steers to the desired Port of my Felicity.

Madam, you are the Epitome of Nature, in whom is comprehended all that is

sweet and glorious.

If I am void of Reason, fairest Creature, suffer Love to be my Advocate, and that allows no Limits.

Madam, had I an hundred Hearts, I hould yet want Room to entertain your Love.

Madam, so great my Passion is, that it will admit of nothing but Enjoyment,

or Death; and if you deny the first, I am resolv'd to die Love's Martyr.

Madam, Let me intreat you not to suspect my Constancy: I'll be as sted-fast as unviolated Faith, immovable as a Rock, and, till Death, will glory in my Constancy, as the chief Jewel or my Life.

Dear Madam, you are all Virtue? from your sweet Lips the Morning ga-

thers Blushes.

Madam, to dwell with you, is to inhabit with the Graces; since Nature hath design'd you for the Store-house of all her most excellent Rarities.

Madam, the Magnetick-stone observes not the North star with more Alacrity

than I do your Commands.

Madam, It is the Glory of great Minds to forgive the greatest Faults, where they find Penitence; and since I am always ready to acknowledge my Errors, you cannot find a more deserving Object of your Compassion.

Madam, It was the Spring of your Beauty that first raised in me those noble Desires, that have since streamed forth in

my sincere Affections.

Dear Madam, Let me hear you speak that happy Word once more; for Angels

gels sure will listen to the Musick of your Voice.

Madam, May I became the Scorn of Time, when I shall give you the least Oc-

casion to repent your Love.

Why Madam, should you think my Language feign'd? The Sun shall sooner cease to run its Race, then I shall cease to be the Honourer of your Virtues.

Dear Madam, Your Virtues are my daily Meditation, You from my Thoughts

are never absent.

Sweet Lady, I cannot but be wholly yours; because your Beauty hath robb'd

me of myself.

My Dearest, Do but continue constant, and be assured, I will sooner lose my Life than part with the Resolutions I have taken up of serving you.

Madam, my Love is real; 'tis firm as

Truth, and innocent as Virtue.

Madam, Be not inexorable to the Sighs of one that must be miserable if you be not merciful. Your Eyes are the Ambassadors of Life and Death, and bring me Woe or Bliss.

Madam, I never made a Present of my Heart to any other Beauty but that of your own: And therefore, since I have freely

freely surrendered it to you, I hope you will not treat it like an Enemy, but what your Beauty has subdued, shall be cherished by your Goodness.

Madam, if I am witty, it is your Beauty makes me so; for that's the sole Com-

mandress of my Thoughts.

Madam, my Language is as my Intention, plain and real. He that makes Use of golden Words, does it only to gild over the Rottenness of a deceitful Soul.

Madam, for your sweet Sake, my Meditations are all clothed with Metaphors. I am valiant and witty, and will be any and every Thing, so I may be but your Thing.

Mistress, to tell you the plain Truth on't, I love you, but want Utterance to

express it.

My dear Sweeting, thou art the Beam of Beauty, the Delight of my Soul, I am come to make thee a Visit, and have brought along with me an hundred thou-fand Salutations.

My sweet Morsel of Modesty, you cannot tell how much I love, nor can I well tell myself; but it is very sincerely: for I protest to make you the Mistress

of

of my Thoughts, and the Lady of my Returns, and commit all my Moveables into your Hands: And to confirm it, I give you an earnest Kiss in the high Road of Matrimony.

My dear Girl, thou hast catched me: My Heart thou hadst before, and now

here's my Hand.

Madam, be wife and doat not so much upon your own Beauty; Time can so alter you, that you shall hardly know your Face again when you shall see it in your Looking-glass.

Fine Lady, your Tyrant-Beauty has but a short Reign; nor while you have it, can you say 'tis your own; for you can neither dispose of it, nor possess it

long.

Madam, 'tis true, you are handsome; but remember, Faces are like Books, and they that study 'em know 'em best: And the Truth is, they are liked only as they please the courteous Reader.

Mistress Coy, I do confess, that once I loved you; but Experience has now has taught me more Wit than to follow such a

blind Guide as Cupid.

I Faith, Widow, I am in Love, and tis with you: That busy little Rogue Cupid

Cupid has wounded; 'tis such a base Urchin, that no Man can be quiet for him: He glides through the Isle of Man in a Minute, gets into Middlesex, and keeps his Christmas there, till he is fir'd out with Heat and Flames.

Poor scornful Girl, can you imagine I ever intended to dote, especially on the small Stock of Beauty of yours, which serves only to convince me you are not extreme ugly.

Pray Madam, be not angry if I tell you that I am none of those tame Fools, that can bear all your Affronts without a just Resentment: but when I find my Love

abus'd, I foon turn it into Fury.

Madam, the Praises I have given you were ill bestowed, since they have caused

you to forget yourself.

Madam, However your Flatterers may go about to deify you, and persuade you that you are a Goddess, I know you to be a Mortal, and that you carry Flesh and Blood about you; nor can you, I am sure so far forget yourself, as not to know that what I tell you is true.

Dear Madam, give me leave to tell you, tis not your Beauty makes me to admire you; tho' few can boast a fairer

Face

Face than yours. But 'tis the Knowledge that I have of your unblemish'd Virtue and good Humour, that give you the Preference in my Herre.

Madam, The Charms of your Converfation are so taking, that I must own my-

self devoted to your Service.

Faith, Madam, I can't compliment, but I can love you as well as them that do, and perhaps better; for fine Words are ott times a Cover for deceitful Actions: And therefore, if an honest downright Lover will content you, say but the Word, and I am yours.

The School of Courtship: Or, Compliments for Ladies to be used to Men.

Y Wishes, Sir, keep Pace with your Defires meet with happy Issue.

Sir, Ineverhad those ambitious Thoughts, to think you could affect so imperfect a

Creature as myself.

Sir, Whatever your Designs are, let your Reputation always be unfullied.

Sir, I beseech you to be more sparing of your Courtesies, lest the World takes you for a Prodigal.

Sir, Sleep cannot be more welcome to the weary Traveller, than you shall ever

be to me.

Dear Sir, Did you but know with how much Earnestness I strive to pay a just Acknowledgment to your Virtues, and yet how unable I am to perform it, I am sure that you would pity my fruitless Labours.

My dearest Love, let me intreat you to have a due Regard to your own Safety; for though your Fortunes are your own, your Fate is mine.

Sir, my Entertainment speaks me most

freely welcome.

Sir, Your Love is the Exchequer of my Wealth.

Sir, Nothing is wanting whilst I have

my Ail, your Presence here.

Sir, The Enjoyment of your Conversation is enough to transform a Prison to a Palace.

Sir, Such is my Interest in your Prosperity, that I will never condemn Fortune, so long as she makes you her Darling.

Sir,

Sir, it is beyond the Power of Envy to calt a Blemith on your spotless Fame.

Sir, I should sin, should I suspect your Virtues, whose Glory it is to vanquish all

Deceits.

Sir, Your Desires are so honourable, I cannot stoop too low in my Observance of them.

Sir, Let me beg your Acceptance of a Trifle, only as the Earnest of my Gratistude.

Sir, Tis your Presence that compleats

my Joy.

Sir, I am ready to obey; for none can be more proud of your Commands than I

Sir, One that has a Mind for to serve your, fends you this Paper to falute your Hands.

Sir, my Thanks, and the Endeavours of my Life, are all a Debt that Lowe to you.

Sir, Heaven, which lends an Ear to all goed Prayers, give a Blessing to all your

virtuous Desires.

Sir, You understand your Authority over me: I dare not deny my Endeavour, to perform whatsoever you shall please to command me.

Sir,

Sir, I shall not arrogate so much to my-self, as to think you are not guilty of gross Flattery, in those Praises you have been so lavish of.

Sir, Your Adulation is too great not to be perceived by me, who am better acquainted with myself, than to lay Claim to any thing of that which you have attributed to me.

Sir, I should be counted very credulous, should I believe what every one that pretends Love will undertake to tell me. You yourself know your Words to be but Air, and why should I esteem them otherwise?

Sir, 'Tis not your Oaths can make me to believe you: For nothing is more common, than for Lovers to break their Oaths upon the Sight of a new Face.

Sir, Your Bounty far exceeds the small Stock of my Merits, that never durst aspire so high, as to think myself worthy of those Favours you have bestowed upon me.

Sir, Nothing shall rob my Heart of the fair Image of your Virtues, but Death itself.

Sir, I have already told you, that I could not love, therefore your further Suit is all impertinent:

impertinent; for it is as possible the fixed Stars should leave their Stations, as that I should love you.

Dear Sir, Your Mind contains a Spring of Virtue, and every Day, by some fresh

Instance, does exemplify it.

Sir, The Candour of your Conversation, and the Reality of your Affection, command

my just Acknowledgment.

Sir, Tho' Sin be such a Charming Orator, and gives to Lust the golden Titles of Delight and Pleasure, yet let me beg you to consider what fatal Consequences will attend it: And how delicious soever these stollen Pleasures seem, their latter End must needs be Bitterness.

Sir, I must let you know, I hate your base Desires, and you, whilst you pursue them. My Honour's dearer to me than my Life. Should greatest Kings court me in all their Pride, and in their Laps bring me the Wealth of Worlds, they never should entice my better Will to leave the Paths of Virtue.

Sir, Use not your Eloquence to conquer Virtue: Nor by your gilded Bait endeavour for to corrupt my Innocence, and violate my Chastity: For though my prefent Station be but mean, my Soul's

too great to prostitute my Honour, tho

'twere to gain a Kingdom.

Your Favours, Sir, have rais'd me to that heigth, I seem to stand upon a Precipice, and thence discern the Greatness of my Fall, unless your Goodness do secure me there.

Sir, It is no Wonder there is so little Goodness in the World, since the rich Stock of Virtue you posses, makes others become Bankrupts.

Sir, You are so lavish of your Praises, and setch your Parallels so far, that they transcend the Subjects you bestow 'em on.

Sir, The Favours you bestow upon me, are so great, and do so far exceed all the Returns that I can make, that I must

'needs turn Bankrupt.

Sir, your Quality obliges me to think you don't design me for your Wife, and my Honesty Luls me tell you, that I will never be your Miss; and therefore, Sir, you may desist from further Courting, for it will be but lost Labour.

Sir, You have heaped so many Favours on me, that I must own myself insolvent, unless a free Surrender of myself to you will quit the Score: But if that will be accepted, I do here make a willing Tender to you.

Sir,

Sir, I must own I love you, and shall be willing to be at your Disposal, when Hymen shall have tied the Nuptial Knot: No other Charms but yours could have extorted from me this Acknowledgment.

Sir, Your constant Virtues have deserved a greater Recompence than I can make you. Yet if a heart, that never entertained a Thought of any other but yourself, be worthy your accepting, I here present it freely.

Sir, the Knowledge I have of your fur perlative Virtue, leaves me no Room to doubt of your Constancy.

# LETTERS upon all Occasions, both of Love and Business.

A young Virgin to her Mother, that would have match'd her to one she could not love.

Most Dear Mother,

TOU know I have not been us'd to disobey your Commands; and God knows with how much Trouble it is that I am put under a Necessity of doing it now: But so it is, that I must either disobey you in this Command, or else B4 marry

marry the Man who is my greatest Aversion, and with whom my Life would be worse than Death itself. You know very well, that he has owned himself to be a debauched Person; and that he is changed, you have nothing but his own Word, which in such a Case, is, I think, hardly to be taken: For what will not Men pretend, to obtain their own Ends? But were he that reformed Person he pretends, yet since I cannot lové him, my Life would be but miserable. And since I cannot believe your Design is to make me wretched, therefore I hope you will abate the Rigour of your Commands, and make 'em so easy to me, that I may, without the least Reluctance, subscribe myself,

Your most dutiful Daughter.

2. A Maiden to ber treacherous Lover, who has forfaken her.

False Man,

F you have forgot the many Promises you made me, and the Vows you have broken, when you called Heaven to be a Witness of your inviolable Faith and

and Constancy, yet they are all recorded above, and will in due Time be the Rack and Torture of your own guilty Conscience; you know with what importugate Sollicitations you courted my Affections, and pretended that it was only my Virtue and good Humour that were the Motives of your Love; and when by these Pretences and Sollicitations you had prevailed with me to consent to marry you, and to shew you all those Jawful Kindnesses that such a Condition would admit of, what Pretence had you to go away and leave me? It, indeed; I have made Ship-wreck of my Virtue, then you had some Pretence for what youlhave done; but since Envy itiels can't accuse me with the least Shadow of that, your Crime is the more i excusable. Those solemn Promises we have made to one another, is not a jesting Matter: Nor cannot vou hope that God should ever bless you with another, since in your marrying another, you basely violate your plighted kaith tome; and then the Time and Manner of your leaving me is that which highly aggravates your Crime, and makes you, much more guilty. When you had rob-

bed me (or at least taken from me) of all that I had except my Honour, which lay not in your Power to violate; you lest me in the Place to which you had brought me, far from my Friends, Acquaintance and 'Relations, when I had no one to take Care of me, but Heaven and my own Innocence; which was indeed the only Comfort of my folitary Journey. But O! what Guilt must clog your Soul, and fink it almost down to Hell, that did so babarously use me, and swore, and broke a Thousand Thousand Oaths! My Flesh does tremble at the Thoughts on't. Go then, false Man, and fall upon your Knees, and beg Heaven's Pardon e'er it be too late; which must be obtained by a fincere Repentance, which that you may find, is the Desire of,

Your innocent, altho' for saken Lover.

3. The Lover's Address to his Mistress.

Madam,

HO' I am at present under the Unhappiness of being but little acquainted with your Person, yet Fame (as

(as well as my Relations) has given me so large an Account of your Virtues, that it is sufficient to inspire a less amorous Man than myself with such a Passion for you, as Time itself can never be able to extinguish. That knowledge I have already had of your incomparable Person, has created in me a Desire of being surther acquainted with you, that thereby I may not only have the Happiness of enjoying your charming Conversation, but also that I may have the Opportunity of letting you know how much I am,

The sincere Admirer of your Virtue.

#### 4. The Lady's Answer.

#### SIR

Received your Letter, and take it for what I believe you did design it; that is, a Compliment: For I am sure it is inconsistent with that Virtue which you pretend to celebrate, to be so vain as to imagine that what you say is true: And therefore could I tell you, that I believe what you have written, it would be an effectual Consulation of your Letter:

and you will need no other Argument of my Want both of Wit and Virtue. And if you think you please me by those extravagant Hyperboles, that's to affront me more, and render me the meanest of my Sex. And therefore pray fend those high Flights of your exuberant Fancy to those that do assect 'em. : For my Part, I more delight in Truth and Plainness, than all the gandy Trappings of affected Flattery; which, wherefoever I see, I still despise. And for that Reason, Sir, let me advise you, either wholly to leave off those Addresses, or cloath 'em in fuch a Garb as may be more acceptable to her that is unwilling to be any other than,

Sir, your Friend and Servant.

ET the Goodness of your Nature pardon the Presumption of a Stranger, who having lately lost his I-Teart, makes an Enquiry after it, where he may best expect to hear of it. And since no Heart as Proof against your Virtues, he does not doubt

<sup>5.</sup> A Letter of a Lover to his Mistress.

Fairest of Virgins,

doubt but 'tis in your Possession; with which ste is the better satisfied, because he does assure himself you'll use it well, if not for Love, at least for Pity's Sake; and hopes you'll not deny him fometimes to make a Visit to it; and should be glad if he might be so happy as always to accompany it, by [being registered among the Number of your Adorers. I confess, my Pretences to merit your Favour are very fmall, having yet attempted nothing in your Service that might make me capable of your Smile: But such is the Power, and so many are the Charms of your Beauty, that tho' mine Eyes were but once made happy with beholding your Charms, I Araight became your Captive. And being now folely at your Disposal, I hope to find you merciful as well as fair; and that you will not suffer me to languish under your Frowns, in the Quality of a despairing Lover, but rather give me leave to hope that I may in Time be happy by being in 

Yours in the Bonds of true Affection.

# 6. A Gentlemen to bis Rival.

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F you understand, what an Honour I have for, and what Interest I have in, that virtuous Lady, to whom you offer your Addresses, you would certainly forbear to give yourlelf any further Trouble, in attempting to rob me of that Jewel which I esteem invaluable, and which neither yourself nor any other Rival in the World, shall perlivade me to part with. Our Hearts are already united, being bound in the Bands of reciprocal Oaths: and a little Time will both confummate our Happinefs, and convince you that your Labour is in vain. This Account I thought fit to give you as your Friend: and if after this you shall go about to make any further Pretences to her Favour, I shall look upon it as an Invalion of my Property, and refent it accordingly. Therefore let me advise you, as you value your own Safety, to forbear making any further Courtship to her, lest instead of a Friend, you provoke me to be

Your mortal Enemy.

7. A Lover to his Mistress in her Commendation.

Fairest of your Sex,

S when the Sun appears, the twink-ling Tapers of the Night straight vanish; so Madam, wherever you are present, all other Beauties must withdraw; or if they stay, 'twill only be as Foils to make the Splendor of your Beauty shine sorth with greater Lustre. When first I was made happy by your Sight, your Beauty both amazed and struck me blind, being dazzled with its bright Coruscancy; and when I afterwards beheld you more sedately, and viewed each several Charm, I could not but conclude, that Nature had designed you for the Store-house of her Rarities, and made you the Manopoly of Beauty. So sweet an Object. Madam, could not but make. me look; and 'tis impossible to look and not to love and admire. But afterwards, being made happy by your Conversation, I quickly came to this Conclusion, that all this Beauty was nothing else but the fair Casket of a fairer Mind; which makes me look upon you as the

Phoenix of your Sex; being not only fuperlatively eminent for Beauty, but for what is far more worth, at well as far more lasting, your Virtue also. I cannot therefore chuse but hug myself in the Thoughts of the Happiness I enjoy, in having made so charming (not to say divine) a Creature, the Object of my Choice: and do account it my highest Honour to be, Madam,

The most bumble and the incerest of your Adorers.

8. A Gentleman to a Lady in his Friend's Behalf.

Madam,

The one is, That you would pardon the Trouble that I give you by these Lines: and the second is, That you would give me Leave to become your Debtor; which, how I may be, the Kindness I have further to request, will inform you. There is a Gendeman, a Friend of mine, (whose worth, when once you are acquainted with him, will sufficiently commend him) that has a Paision

Passion for a Young Lady, who has the Honour to be related to you; and knows not how to gain an Opportunity to kiss her Hands. I am sure his Person and his Fortunes will be both agreeable to her: And if you will please to introduce him, and to further his Amours, my Acknowledgment shall be as great as your Civility, and as thankfully paid by, Madam,

Your most humble Servant.

9. The Lover to his deliberating Miltress.

Madain,

beration, argues to me some Change in your Affection, and makes me search in every Corner of my Heart, and ranfack all the Actions of my Life, to find if there be any Thing that I have either said or done that might occasion it: And I am conscious to myself of nothing but of that Love and Constancy to you, that every Day increases: and that all your late Coldness has never been able to abate. Therefore, thou Source of all my Happiness let me exposulate a

little with thee: Why should such strange Chimera's, and careless Suppositions create a Breach in that true Love that has so often and so firmly been knit between us? especially fince I am fure I've given no Occasion for it. But yet, if you imagine any Cause that I have given for this Coldness, let it be named, that I may answer for my felf, and either justify my Innocence, or lie under the Guilt of being found a Criminal: But if you flight me, and neglect my real Love, when I have given no Occasion for it, 'tis you that are unjust, and you must own it. But why should such Disputes as these be raised? or why should you and I that have, like Fellow-Travellers, walked Hand in Hand, in the same Path of Love, fall out and quarrel, or longer stand deliberating, when we are almost at our Journey's End, and ready to confummate our Felicity; Whence come these dark Suggestions, that Things will look with a worse Face hereaster? and that the Change of your Condition will be a Disadvantage to you? Are you a Privy-Councellor of Heaven? or have you read the Book of Destiny, that you pretend to search into Futurity? 'Tis not the Knowledge of whats yet to come, can folve your Breach of Promife

Promise past. Remember therefore, and recollect afresh, how often we have called the warbling Choirifters, and all those listning silent Streams that paid their Tribute to the Banks we stood on, to be a Witness to our mutual Oaths. Remember too the Substance of those Oaths, which we so often sealed with ardent Kisses, was an inviolable Constancy in Love; and think how you can violate all these. No, no, thou dearest Comsort of my Love, these are only some Vapours role from Hell, to cloud the Morning of our Happiness, which at the bright Appearance of thy Love, should foon fall down to their own dark Abyss, as foggy Mists are often wont to do, when Titan's Rays appear above the Horizon. But should you still resolve to be unki id, I will, my Love, resolve as well as you: and this my fixed Resolution is, that I will always be

Your faithful Lover.

10. A rich old Gentleman to a fair young.
Virgin Lady.

Young Lady,

WITHEN you are once acquainted with me, I am sure the Greyness of my Hair will be no Obstacle to the Greenness of my Affection: for you will find me a Young Lover however you may now think me an old Man: And the Deficiency of my Person (if such Thing could be) will be abundantly made good with golden Charms. My Bags of Treasure shall be laid as Offering at your Feet, and you shall be their sole Disposer. Know this withal, young Lady, my Love shall be more staid, and more fincere, than those of younger Years; whose common Fault is to be guilty of Inconstancy, and to be always eager after Variety. Whereas, myself, happy in the Enjoyment of your Youth and Beauty, will never goaftray. In Expectation of which Happinels, I make bold to subscribe myfell, fairest Lady,

Your most essessionate Servant.

### II. The Young's Virgin's Answer.

#### Grave Sir,

Have received yours, and in Return must tell you, that I am already as well acquainted with you as I intend to be. And as to the Greenness of your Affection, give me Leave to fay, you look more like an old Dotard, than a young Lover. Indeed, the best Argument you have is Gold, which I could very well dispense withal, were there not such a Clog tied to each Bag. Tho Gold be one of the most precious Metals, yer when with facred Love it stands in Competition, it does appear to me but vilest Dross, and loses all its Excellency; and you must certainly either never have been acquainted with Love, or else have quite forgotten it, to think one of my Years and Beauty could prefer Gold before it. You think, I believe, a mighty Argument to draw me to you, when you tell me, that young Men are oft inconstant, and love Variery. But were such young Men married, as you'd have me to be, I could not blame em for it, nor think it any Crime: Nay, I believe that in those Circumstances I should do the like

like. It makes me blush to read what you have written about enjoying of my Youth and Beauty. Sure you cannot think me so insensible, as to exchange the Flower of my Youth for fuch a Bundle of Mortality? You may as foon join May to cold December, as hope that you and I should e'er be married. Sixteen and Seventy are too great a Distance ever to meet together. Go then, and wed your Gold, make that your Mistress, and so put Earth to Earth, Gold may do well when join'd with Youth and Beauty; but Gold without a Man, is but bad Logick in the School of Love. And now you know my Mind, take my Advice; be thinking of your Grave, and not of Love, and wed yourfelt to Heaven against you die, and then I shall be thankful, if you'll bequeath those Bays of Gold you boast of, to

Your Young Adviser.

<sup>-12.</sup> A Lady to her despairing Lover, who had given over his Suit at the first Repulse.

SIR,

O U are certainly but a fresh Soldier in the Wars of Cupid, or else you would

would never have quitted the Siege for the first Repulse. It seems below the Resolution of a Lover to give over his Pretenfions at the first Denial, and makes him forget the Proverb, That a faint Heart never won a fair Lady. I believe there are few Lovers but what expect to meet with Repulses, it being consistent with the Modesty of our Sex, to say Nay at the first asking: Nay, Lam confident, should I have done so, yourself would have condemned me of Levity. And I appeal to all the Scholars in the School of Love, whether too much Forwardness do not turn a Lover's Stomach. But she that at first denies only out of Conformity to Custom, may at the same Time have that Respect for a Lover, which it would be very proper not for to discover, till sliehas first had some Experience of his Truth and Constancy; which would be then too late to try, when once the Fort is yielded up. You may see, Sir, by these Steps that I have made to meet you, what a Prospect you have of Success in your next Assault, and how little Reason you have to be discouraged by your first Repulse. For, notwithstanding what I said at that Time, you may easily guess

by what I have written, that I have no Aversion for you. And in Witness thereof, subscribe myself, Sir,

2 our Servant in all honourable Things.

13. The fearful Lover to his supposed inconstant Mistress.

Madain,

T. T is now evident, That nothing is more vain, than to believe a Woman can speak Truth: For what is it you have left unfaid to persuade me of your Truth and . Constancy; and yet how apparently have you broken all your Vows, as if they had never been made? And that too without the least Occasion given? For I am sure I never had a Thought that went aftray from that, sincere Affection I have for you; and which is still the same as ever: And can you be unkind, unjust, and false to such a Lover? Have a care, Madam, of changing your Adorer for another, lest he should prove as falle to you, as you have been to me, and so your Sin be made your Punishment. But, Madam, since I am still the same I was, why should not you be so, and so compleat that Happiness, which I shall never

mever hope for in another; since I am so fixedly resolved ever to remain,

Your most devoted Servant.

14. Her. Answer.

My dear Incredulous.

Received your upbraiding Letter; and were it not that I fee it springs from Jealousy, which is the Child of Love, I should return another Sort of Answer than what I am about to write, and let you know, that you deserve to have your Words made good against you, That there is nothing more vain than to believe a Woman can speak Truth: But your Love attones for your Rashness. Since you write I have so apparently broken all my Vows, pray let me know wherein it does appear? for what's apparent must be very evident. Have I dilown'd to you my Passion for you, or permitted the Addresses of another? If neither of these two, wherein is it apparent? Why I difowned my Love, it ieems, to one that questioned me about it: 'Tis very like I might: for what have I to do to latisfy the impertment Curiosity of every one that.

that asks me a Question? Who made him an Examiner, had been Answer enough; but, I was minded he should know nothing of it; for that I saw was his Defign, and I was resolved he should miss his 'Aim. I have absolutely refused both the Addresses and the Company of several that have pretended to be my Servants, as they themselves will be ready to attest, which makes it more apparent, that I remember still, and keep my Vows to you: And therefore let me beg you, Sir, to make yourself and me more easy for the Time to come; because I know not how fuch unkind Usage, when without all Rea-Ion, may alienate that Love which hitherto I have not varied from, no, not in Thought. Let it content you then, that I am still, and still resolve to be,

Your constant Lover.

15. A Lady to a Gentleman concerning his sick Mistress.

Could not but sympathize with you in the Affliction that was so sensible

to you when I saw you last; and that makes me impatient till I know whether you are yet more at Ease, and whether that Lady, upon whole Health depends your Happiness, be yet recovered of that Malady under which she then languished, and which we were afraid might prove datal to her. I shall be infinitely glad to hear of her Revovery, for in that Scarcity of Goodness that is now so predominant, the Death of such a virtuous Lady would be a publick Loss. But I hope Heaven will have more Compassion on us than to suffer it. The Knowledge of her present Condition, wherein I to much concern myself, both for your Sake and her own, would be very acceptable to, Sir,

Your obliged Servant

Madam,

Am infinitely obliged to you for your generous sympathizing with me in my present Troubles, and for the Concern you take for her Recovery, who is the Life of my Soul, and the Source of

<sup>16.</sup> The Gentleman's Answer to the Lady con-concerning his sick Mistress.

my Happiness: She is yet, Madam, not out of the Reach of Danger, but we flatter ourselves, that the Violence of her Distemper is abated. Her Virtue shined so bright in the very Height of her Sickness, and the gave up herself with so absolute Resignation to the Divine Will, that she was then the Object both of my Admiration and Compassion, and you will pardon me Madam, if I tell you, I did not think there had been so much Goodness in your Sex before. I hope that Heaven will hear the Vows that I incessantly put up for her Recovery. And fince your Ladyship has been pleased to interest yourself so far in your Care for her, and your Respects to me, I shall be sproud of all Opportunities to let you know how much I am, Madam,

The humblest of your Servants.

17. The Lady to her slander'd Scrvant.

S I R,

TOtwithstanding that Affection that was discovered between us when I saw you last, I must now beg Leave to suspend it, at least, till I am better satisfied:

fied: For tho' Lam not for loving with Indifference, yet I am for loving with Discretion; and that will oblige me to call back my Affection, if those Reports that I have lately heard concerning you be true: I will not fay they are, and therefore do not absolutely recall my former Kindness, but suspend it only till I am better satisfied: I hope they will prove false; for I must say, I have feen nothing in your Convertation that looks like it. I have taken that Care to inform myself about it, that a little Time I shall come to a Result. In the mean Time, I expect you should oblige me so far, as to sorbear your further Visits, till I know whether 'tis confistent with my Honour to receive 'em: And then, if these Reports prove false, as I believe and hope they will, you shall again be welcome to, Sir, Your Friend and Servant.

# 13. The slander'd Lover's Answer.

Mast worthy Lady.

YOUR Manner of Procedure with your injured (because standered) Lover, is so just and generous, that it

adds to the Esteem I have always had for you: And I am freely willing to put myfelf upon the exactest Scrutiny that can be made with Respects to those Reports with which I have been slandered. Tis Guilt, Madam, that flies the Light, whilst Innocence is bold as a Lion, and, like the true bred Eagle dares look upon the Sun itself without Emotion. And I do not doubt, but when these slanderous Reports shall be traced to the Bottom, they will be found to proceed from the Malice of some, who envying the Interest I have in your Favour, have a Design to prejudice me in your Affection: And when this shall come to be discovered, they will only serve as a Foil, to make my spotless Innocence appear the brighter; and by that Means be restored again with Advantage, to the Quality of being Madam,

Your most bumble and most obliged Servant.

<sup>19.</sup> A sick Lady to her Lover..

INCE my Distemper has made me Prisoner to my Chamber, it would.

be Charity to bestow a Visit upon me: and I should be extremely pleased to be diverted by your Convertation under my present Indisposition and Confinement, were it not that I have a greater Regard to your Preservation than my own Satisfaction: For my Distemper being that Enemy to Beauty, the Small-Pox, I will not be so injurious to you, as to desire your Company whilst I am in this Condition, lest you should be endangered by the same Malady, which would prove more faral to me than my own. I conjure you, therefore, to forbear your Visits, till it may be safe to make em without Danger to yourself: But in the mean Time you may let me hear from you, and fail not to invoke Heaven by your earnest Prayers for the Recovery of

Yours both in Health and Sickness.

20. A Gentleman to his angry Mistress.

Dear Madam,

Am extremely forry you are angry, and much more, that you should be angry with me, and most of all, that I don't know for what unless it be because

I love you, and that I must do till I die; for Death would be far more eligible than Life, without the Liberty of loving you. You may, indeed, refule to make me happy in my Love: but you cannot hinder me from loving you, for that's a Thing implanted in my Nature. But why, dear Madam, sliould this provoke your Anger? It is your Charms are in the Fault, not me: You should have been less beautiful, if you'd have no Adorers; or else have cloistered up yourself from mortal Eyes. and to what Purpose then had Nature been so prodigal upon you? Think, you that Wature cast you in that curious and admirable Mould, with a Delign you should be feen by no-body? And feeing you, who can forbear to love you? But you will say, perhaps, I can pretend to nothing but 'what's fo much below your Notice, that L'is in vain for me to make Pretences to you: I do consess, indeed, you may condemn my Railmeis, but not be angry at my Love; and yet 'tis Love's the Caule of my Presumption. But seeing Fleaven is never offended with miserable Mortals, that daily lend up their Addr lies thither, I know not why jourself, the Abstract of

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all Goodness here below, should not incline a favourable Lar to my Addresses: Therefore, thou lovely Goddess of my Heart, convert your Frowns to Smiles, and make me happy, that I may celebrate the Praises of your Goodness and Compassion, as well as of your Beauty; if otherwise, I must resolve to perish the Victim of your Anger, and die

The Martyr of your Beauty.

#### 21. A Gentleman to bis sick Lady.

Madam,

very great Surprize to me; and yet
I reared some III before I heard it: For
my foreboding Soul (that is so firmly tied
and linked to you in all the Bands of
Love and true Affection, and therefore
sympathizes with it in all its Weal and
Woe) was restless and uneasy, alsho? I
knew not why. But when I heard the
News of your Distemper, I knew the
Reason that made me so uneasy. Dear
Madam, I hope your Sickness, alsho
tis troublesome, is yet not dangerous;

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and therefore beg of you, that you wou'd be as chearful under it, as is confiftent with the Nature of it and your Strength. And for my own Part, my earnest and devoutest Orisons shall every Day be offered up to Heaven for your Recovery; for which, not your own self can wish it with a more Ardency and true Affection. I hope dear Madam, that I shall obtain the Favour hearing how you you do, as often as is possible, since there is none can be so much concerned in your Recovery, as, Madam,

Your most Affectionate and most humble Servant.

# 22. The sick Lady's Answer.

Worthy Sir,

Received your welcome Letter, which proved to me the best Cordial I have taken since my Sickness, as well as the best Antidote against my Distemper; and so you have been to me the best of Physicians, as well as what I shall ever esteem you, the best of Men. Dear Sir, I thank Heaven, my Distemper is mightily abated, even to that Degree, that a Visit

from

from yourself would add very much to the compleating my Recovery: But the Inability I find to requite such a Favour, makes me almost not desire it. I have but one Way left to retalliate your Kindness: and that is, by making you a Present of myself, that I may always be what I shall always desire to be; which is, Sir,

\* Your truly affectionate, and most bumble Servante

23. A Lover to his Lady, after their being Contracted.

Dear Object of my Love and Life,

between us, and which I doubt not is ratified in Heaven, in order to its being confummated on Earth, has given so much Satisfaction to my Mind, and put me into so fair a Prospect of my approaching Happiness, that I begin to breathe the Air of Paradise; and my Imagination brings me the early Fore-tastes of Felicity, that I have hitherto been unacquainted with: Nor can I but be ravished with the Thoughts, that in a little

little Time I shall be the Enjoyer of those delicious Charins that you are now polsessed of; which are all made over unto me by our late happy Contract, which puts me into the Posession of that Happineis which has been liitherto the con-Thant Subject of my Prayers and Wishes. But Of thou dearest Partner of my Soul, if our contracting barely does to exceedingly augment my Happineis, what large Additions will our Marriage make, when in our Bridal bed we shall embrace each other with all the Eagerness that mighty Love can give, and lie dissolved in one another's Arms. The Thoughts of this makes me imagine the tedious Hours do move but, flowly forward; and Time itself methinks. does play the Truant, and by his Loitering defers our Happinels: But yet in Spite of Time, and every other Remora, I will, my dearest be

Yours both now and ever.

Dear Sir, Need not, nay I cannot, give you a greater Demonstration of my Love to

<sup>24.</sup> A Letter from a young Woman, to one who had gotten her with Child.

you, than what I have already given; for I have given up (to latisfy your importunate Defires) that only Jewel that was worth the keeping; and which to keep inviolable, is the only Boast of our Sex. You know how folemnly you promised me Marriage, before I admitted you to those Favours: And since I have hazarded my Reputation to give you Satisfaction, I hope you will take Care to prevent that Reproach that is likely to fall upon me, by my being with Child. And as it is the Fruit of your own Importunities, more than of my Defires, to I hope you will no longer defer the performing your Promise, and so save the Reputation both of myself and the Child I am big with, who will otherwise be esteemed a Bastard, which its being born in Wedlock will prevent. And tho' I know that many have fuftered Shipwreck, and split upon that Rock on which I have ventured, yet I hope you will prove yourself a Man of that Veracity, as to bring me with Honour to the safe Harbour of your wish'd for Marriage-Bed; where we may, withdut a Blitth, enjoy those Pleastires, which by being Criminal, lufe much of "their Sweetnefs:

Sweetness: But then it will be an Addition to my Happiness, that I shall be always

Yours, &c.

# 25. The young Man's Answer.

My Quondam Mistress,

Indeed promised you Marriage when you were a Virgin, but I never promised to marry a Whore, under which odious Character you now appear. it be a good Excuse to say you yielded to my Importunities, how know I but another may be as importunate as myself, and you as yielding to him, as you have been to me: And who wou'd wed himfelf, on the continual Fear of being made a Cuckold? It concerns me, I believe, to take Care of the Infant, and of its Reputation too; which may be effected without our Marriage, it being a Thing I am resolved against; for I have lately heard, That he who lies with a Woman first, and marries her afterwards, is like one, that puts a Sir-reverence in his Flat, and afterwards puts it on his Head, which I believe sew Men delight to do. If in

pence, I will; but as to marriage, I must beg your Pardon, resolving never in that Kind to be

Yours, Ec.

# Letters of Business.

i. A Letter from a Lady to a Gentleman in the Country, to enquire after another Gentleman vobo had courted her Daughter.

Worthy Sir,

HE Goodness of your Nature, and the Readiness you have always thewed to serve our Family in any Thing, emboldens me to give you the Trouble of these Lines, and to desire a Kindriess from you, which I am unwilling to trust to any other Hand but yours, as well knowing both your Integrity and Ability. The Case then is briefly thus: Mr. T. B. of D. in your Country courts my Daughter Betty, who is now marriageable, and pretends an extraordinary Aifection to her: I have nothing to lay against his Person, I think it is without Objection, and the Girl seems to entertain

tain his Amour with a reciprocal Affection: And as to his Conversation, it has been higherto agreeable enough; but what I would desire of you, is to know the Circumstances of his Estate; how much it is a Year, and how clogged, either with Legacies or Sisters Portions, and what clear Jointure you believe he may make her. He here pretends his Estate is 700%. per Aunum, and offers to make her a Jointures of 300l. per Annum. But we that live at this Distance are often imposed on, and cannot so well enquire into the Truth of Things as you that live upon the Spot. If: you please therefore to give yourself the Trouble to enquire into the Truth of these Thicgs, and fend me an Account of it, I thall take my Measures accordingly; and you will therein extremely oblige, Sir,

Your most buinble Servant.

Dear Medam,

Received yours of the 12th Instant, and do affore you I have so great an Fionour for your worthy felf and Family,

<sup>2.</sup> A Letter of a Country-Gentleman to a Lady in Loudon, in Answer to the former Letter.

that I am proud of having an Opportunity to serve you; which I have done with that Faithfulnets, as if the Cafe had been my own: For I have been at D. and made my Enquiries concerning Mr. T. B. of one that has sor this many Years been acquainted with the Affairs of that Family, and knows all their Concerns; and the Account that he gives me is, That as to Legacies, his Father left but few, Part of his Estate being then mortgaged; which Mr. T.B. has since, by his good Flusbandry, cleared, and also has paid his Sifters Portions: so that his Esfare is not the least incumbered: And his Reputation in the Country is very unspotted, so that I believe he may be a very good Husband for Mrs. Betty, which I shall be very glad of, because she will be then almost our Neighbour. As to his Estate, I find he has not misinformed you, it being generally judged to be about 700% a Year. What I have writ, I am very well affured of, and therefore it-may be depended on: as may also my being at all Times always ready to prove myfelf, M.dam;

nost obliged Servant.

3. A Letter to a Gentleman to borrows.

Money.

Dear Sir,

fteemed your Friend, so I intend to ake Use of you as such: For the Disappointments I have lately met withal, have put me to those Exigencies, that unless I can supply myself by borrowing of one Friend, I must sorfeit my Word to another, which hitherto I have always kept sacred. This is therefore to request you, to send by the Bearer 101 and to let me have it for a Month's Time; at the End of which it shall be certainly paid: And if ever your Occasions should require the like Kindness, you should always command it from, Sir,

Your Friend and Scrvant.

# 4. The Gentleman's Answer.

Worthy Sir,

Receiv'd young, and have returned what you writ for by the Messenger you

you fent. Friendship is nothing but an empty Name, if it consists only in Words: And therefore, the I am forry for your Disappointments I am glad that by that Means I have the Opportunity of serving you in any Thing, and of making good the Profession of Friendship I have made you by correspondent Actions. And if in any other or greater Matter, I can serve you, there is none shall do it with greater Alacrity than, Sir,

Your most humble Servant.

5, A Letter to a Gentlewoman, upon Occasion of sending her two Books.

Dear Madam,

is to acquaint you, that I have fent you by Mr. J. D. two small Tracts, written by that famous and excellent (tho Anonymous) Author of the Whole Duty of Man: The one is entituled, The Government of the Tongue; and the other, The Art of Contentment; by which you may easily see they have a Dependance upon one another. For certainly there

is nothing can contribute more to the Art of Contentment, than the good Government of the Tongue: for that little Member, as the inspired Apostle calls it, is ready to set on Fire the whole Frame of Nature, without it be kept under Government, and oftentimes makes those miserable Infractures and Disorders in private Families, as bamissische Art of Contentment, out of Doors. But, Madam, I send not these to you, as if you were to learn from them; (for your whole Life hath been the practick .Part of what these Books have only in the Theory) but rather, that in them you may contemplate the Beauties of your own Mind, that has already arrived to the Perfection of so exact a Copy. And I doubt not, but you will find in the Tracks something so Iweet, and so pathetically written, that you , will think them a Present not unworthy of you; which is all is aimed at by, Madam,

Your most bumble and devoted Servant.

6. A Consolatary Letter to a Friend, upon the Death of his near Relation.

Dear Sir,

Cannot but condole with you for the Loss, you have so lately had, he being indeed the Hope and Stay of your Family; and being an only Son, I know the Affliction is so much the greater. I hope, Sir, that you are so much a Christian, as to conclude with holy Job of old, when he had by one fudden Stroke loft all his Sons and Daughters too, The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away, bleffed be the Name of the Lord. And this I am sure ought to be a mighty Support to you, that so eminent was he for Piety, even in those his young and tender Years, that you have no Reason to mourn for him, as one without Hope; nor ought you for to think much, or to be griev'd that he is taken into the Fruition of eternal Rest before you. You know the Example of David in a like Case, who when he heard his Son was dead, rose from the Ground, and comforted himself, and eat Bread, saying, I shall go to him, but he shall not Howreturn to me.

However, though your Expectations are never so much cross'd, and your Hopes disappointed, yet you can't but know, That an entire Refignation and Submission to the Divine Will, even in the most hard and difficult Things, is an absolute and indispensable Duty, which God requires from every one. How, readily did Abraham go about to offer up his Son, his only Son, his Son Isaac, the Son whom he loved? and how kindly did God take it at his hands? Surely, Tays he, now I know that thou lovest me, since thou hast not with-held thine only Son from me. Let us then remember what those holy Men of old have done before cus, and imitate their Example: So your Loss will become Gain to you; and so shall you find that God will abundantly make it up to you; and therefore dry up those Tears that you have paid to the -Memory of your Son, lest by grieving -too much for a Creature, you should offend your Creator. I hope you will pardon the Trouble of a Letter, which was designed only to make me call to Mind those Things which the Exuberance of your Grief might possibly have put out of your Thoughts. I do intend e're it be long

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long to give you a Visit, and then will let you know how much I am, Sir,

Your most bumble Servant.

7. A Letter to a Friend in London, desiring an Account of Several Things.

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Wortby Sir, Y Distance from London occasions my Ignorance of many Things, which it is very necessary for me to be of: Several Commodities in which I deal, do sometimes rise, and sometimes fall; and tho' I am sure to hear when they rife, yet when they fall, my Chapman is filent: I would therefore beg that Kindness of you, as to enquire into the Price of Sugars, both Lisbon and Barbadoes, and let me know what they are at an Hundred: and 'likewise the Price of Raisins and Currans, which I hear is lately fallen: As also the lowest Price of Pitch and Tar, and likewise of Flax and Heinp, and what the best of Hops yield. But, Sir, I am informed, there is published every Week by one Mr. Whiston, whom some call the Devil's Broker, and who, I hear is a very ingenious Man, a Paper call'd, I be Merchant's Remembrancer, which gives an Account of the Price current of all Goods and Merchandizes every Week. If I could have one of those sent me every Week, I would gladly pay for it as others do; which, I believe, you might, and which I desire you would procure for me, for it would be of great Use to me. I must desire you would excuse this Trouble which I give you; and if in any Thing I can serve you here, there shall be none more ready to do it, than Sir,

Your most obliged Friend and Servant.

8. A Letter from one Friend to another, excusing long Silence.

My dear Friend,

it has not proceeded from any Difrespect to you, nor from any Neglect towards you; but my Circumstances have been so unsettled, that I knew not well what to write: There has hardly pass'd a Day, wherein I have not thought of you, and designed writing to you; but I still flatter'd myself, that in a little Time my Condition would be more be fixed, and then I cou'd give you a better Account of myself than I have hitherto been able to do: But Providence has hitherto frustrated my Expectations, and I am still in the same mutable Condition that I was; so that if I sent not to you before I were fettled, I might, for ought I know, never send at all; and rather than do so, I was resolved to write to you tho' I knew not what. However, I hope you are settled, tho' I am not; for I hope you have by this Time made an End of that Business you know of, that has been so long depending. Pray let me hear from you, and you shan't be long without an Answer from,

Your Friend and Servant.

# Of Dreams and their Interpretations.

Dream is by the Antients defined to be a Motion, or Fiction of the Soul in a diverte Form, signifying either Good or Evil to come; and are either Speculative and agreeable to their Vision, or Allegorical, by one Thing signifying another. And the dreaming of one and the same Thing by divers Persons has divers Significations, according to the Diversity of the Persons dreaming. As for Instance: If a Man, whose Wife is not with Child, dreams that he saw himself wrapt in Swadling-clouts like a little Child, it betokens him long Sickness: But if a Man, whose Wife is with Child, dreams the same Dream, it betokens he shall have a Son like himself: And if the same Dream be dreamt by his Wife, it betokens she shall have a Daughter: And if one in Prison dream the like Dream, it denotes he shall not be delivered. For a young Woman to dream that she has Milk in her Breast, signifies the shall conceive and bring forth Fruit to Perfection: The same Dream to an old Woman, signifies Riches and Liberality; and to a Maid that her Marriage is near; for without the Company

of a Man the can have no Milk: So that t is evident Dreams have various Significations, according to the Quality of the Persons dreaming; and therefore in the Interpretation of Dreams, regard must be had to the Condition of the Person that dreams, if you would give a true Interpretation. Thus if a poor Man dreams he is big with Child, he shall become rich; but if a rich Man dream so, he shall be in Pain and Care: He which hath a Wife and dreams so, shall lose her; but he that has no Wife, shall have a gentle one: And to him that is poor and indebted, it is an End of all his present Evils. To Usurers, Factors, and Men in Authority, this Dream is cross; but to Merchants and Sailors, and them which have Ships, this Dream is good.

To dream that you see or have Children of your own, and not of other Mens, is ill to a Man and Wife: To Male Children it brings good Success, but shews that Daughters shall be married without a Dowry.

To dream you have a great Head, is good for a rich Man; to a Champion it fignifies Victory; to a Broker and Ulurer, great Heaps of Money; to him that is lick, the Head-ach; to a Soldier, Travel and Pain: and to a Servant, long Servitude.

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But to dream you have a little Head is the quite contrary to what is faid of the great Head.

To dream of long Hair, and being proud thereof, denotes Good to Women, Wise-Men, Ecclesiastical Persons, and such as are accustomed to let their Hair grow.

To dream of long Hair being rough and bristly and hanging out of Order, denotes to all Persons Anger and Heavi-

ness.

To dream you have Hair like Hogs Bristles, denotes great Affliction and Trouble, not without Danger of Violence., To dream of horse-hair, denotes Bondage and Slavery. To dream of having Wool instead of hair, denotes Sickmess. To dream of being without hair, especially about the Face, signifies Shame and Reproach, and also hindrance of Bufiness: But to dream the Head is so behind, denotes Poverty and ill Success in old Age. If one dream the right Side of his Head is shaved or bald, foretells the Death of Relations, especially of the Male Side: or if the Person have no Relations, he shall himself suffer Damage. On the contrary, if a Person dream that the left Side

of his head is without Hair, it signifies the Loss of Female Kindred; for the Head being the Significator of Kindred, the Males are signified by the right Side, and the Females by the Left. To dream that the hinder Part of the head is naked, is advantageous for him that is engaged in Law-suits; for Men that are apt to befrighted, and for such as are detained in Prison, for such as can be overtaken of no Evil. To dream a Man sees himself poll'd on the Head is good for Mimicks, Jackpuddings, Stage-players, and those that use often to shave themselves. To dream of being trimmed by a Barber, fignifies Good to all Sorts of People. But if he dreams he shaves himself, it is of mischievous Consequence. If he that is in Debt, dreams of being scratch'd by Nails, it denotes his deliverance: But to others it fignifies hurt. To dream that the Forehead is found and fleshy, betokens Good to every one, and denotes Freedom of Speech, Constancy and Perseverance: But to dream you have a Forehead of Brass, Iron or Stone, is good to none but fuch as live by Fraud and Deceit; for to others it breeds Strife and Debate.

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To dream of having many Fars, signifies the Obedience of a Wife, Children, and Servants, to them that have them. For one to dream of his Ears being cleanfed, denotes the fudden Arrival of good Tidings. But to dream of the Ears being beaten or chased, is the direct contrary. To dream you have Afles Ears, is good only for Philosophers, for to others it signifies Servitude and Slavery. To have the Ears of a Leopard, Tyger, Lion, or Wolf, does denote Snares and Deceit by Envy. To dream you have Eyes for Ears, betokens Deafness and Blindness. To dream that the Eye-brows are hairy, and of a good Grace, signifies good to all, but more especially to Women: But to dream the Eye brows are naked, and without Hair, is the quite contrary. To dream of a quick Sight, is generally good; but Dimness and Darkness betokens want of Money, and Hindrance of Business. To dream of being blind of both Eyes, signifies Loss of Children, and of all Relations; yet is the Dream good to Captives, and to him that is very poor: For it denotes the first shall gain his Liberty; and the last shall have wherewithal to help

help himself, every one being ready to pity the Blind. But if any one that is in Search of a Thing that is loft, dream this Dream, it betokens he shall never find it; for who can find a Thing without Eyes? For Poets to dream this Dream is good, for they have Need of Silence and Darkness to contemplate when they would make Verses. To sick and diseased Persons, it denotes Death. For a Person to dream he hath lost but one Eye, abates half the Malignity of the fore-mentioned Evils, and is an Allay to that which is good. For a Man to dream he has three or four Eyes, betokens to a married Man multiplicity of Children, and to be a Userer store of Money; but to him that owes Money it is bad: It also cautions the rich Man to beware of Fraud and Deceit. And for a fair Woman to dream of having many Eyes, is unfortunate, and betokens the shall have more Admirers than real. Friends. For a Man to dream that he hath Eyes in his Feet and Hands it betokens Diseases, or some other Unhappiness. Artimedorus relates in his first Book of the Interpretation of Dreams. That he knew a Man that dreamed his  $D_4$ Eyes

Eyes fell into his Feet; and tho' he fell not blind, yet he married all his Daughters to his Servants. To dream of having a large Nose, is generally very good to all; for it betokens Vivacity of Spirit, Prudence in Management of Affairs, and Familiarity with Persons of great Quality. But for a Man to dream he has no Note, betokens some Misfortune; and if a sick Man dream so, it signifies Death. To dream of having two Noses, signifies. Variance with his Family and Relations. To dream of ones Cheeks being fat, plump, and full, betokens good Fortune. to all, especially the Fair Sex; but flat and full of Wrinkles, is the dirict contrary.

It a Woman dreams she hath a Beard, it denotes she shall quickly have a kind Husband that will make much of her: But it a married Woman dream so, it betokens she shall lose her Husband, either by long Absence or Death: But if she be with Child, it signifies she shall have a Son. To dream that some of a Man's Teeth fall out, denotes a long and lingering Sickness, but not Death; but to dream that all his Teeth fall out, signifies his Recovery. If a Man or Woman

Woman have black and rotten Teeth, and dream they have lost them, it signifies their Deliverance from Misfortunes. To dream of Golden-Teeth, denotes Eloquence. To dream of waxen Teeth, is very inauspicious, and signisies Death. To dream of Silver Teeth, denotes in a Lawyer, or a Counsellor, his getting Money by Pleading. For Man or a Woman that has Children, to dream they vomit up their Bowels, betokens their Childrens Deaths; and if they have no Children, the Loss of what they prize most. For a Man to dream that his Breasts are hairy, denotes Strength and good Fortune; but for a Woman to dream fo, betokens Widowhood and Loss. To dream ones Breasts are fair, and without any Defect, is generally good; but to dream they are full of Sores and Ulcers, is a certain Sign of Sicknsls.

You must always remember, that in Dreams the right Hand denominates Strength, Power and Riches, and is the Significator of a Father or a Son. And on the contrary, the left Hand signifies Poverty and Weakness; as also the Mother and the Daughter; and therefore in all Dreams they must be thus expound-

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ed. So then to dream the right Hand is cut off, signifies the Death of a Father, Son, or Brother; but to dream the left Hand is cut off, signifies the Death of a Mother, Daughter, or Sister. And to dream that the right Hand is lifted, or held up on high, shews that a Man shall be exalted to great Honour and Dignity, but if he dreams his left Hand is held up, it signifies he shall receive Riches by Means. of his Wife. For a Man to dream that his inward Parts are seen of others, is a bad Dream, and denotes some great Affliction. The Knees in Dreams signify Brethren and Friends, and sometimes Children, and are so to be interpreted. To dream of having many Feet, is a good Dream, and betokens many Servants to work for a Man And this shall serve for the Interpretation of Dreams,

A brief Account of the Signification of Moles in any Part of the Bodies of Men or Women.

Mole or black Spot in the midst of the Forehead, denotes good Fortune either to Man or Woman.

A Mole on the lest Side of the Fore-

head, denotes a fickly Constitution.

A Mole on the right Side of the Fore-head, promises Riches and great Prosperity. And so also does a Mole on the right Temple.

A Mole on the left Eye, denotes the Party subject to Melancholy, and the Dif-

eafes that proceed therefrom.

A Mole on the lest Cheek, denotes Po-

verty and Affliction.

A Mole on the lower Part of the Tip of the right Ear, threatens the Party with drowning.

A Mole near the Bottom of the Nostrils, denotes a Man or Woman fortunate and

lucky.

A Mole in any Part of the Neck denotes Danger.

A Mole on the right Arm, promises

Riches and Prosperity.

A Mole on the left Arm, denotes a Perfon contentious, and given to quarrel. A Mole on the upper Part of the right

Breast, promises Success by Tillage.

A Mole on the Middle of the right Breaft, denotes the Person ingenious, and given to Industry.

A Mole on the left Side of the Stomach.

denotes a luxurious Perlon.

A Mole on the lest Shoulder, denotes Erouble and Affliction.

Arm, denotes the Person given to Quarreis, and Strife and Hatred.

A Mole on the Middle of the Stomach,

clenotes dangerous Diseases.

A Mole on the Chin, promises Increase of Riches and Friends.

A Mole on the Hand or Wrist, denotes

Poverty and Affliction.

A Mule on the Breast near the Heart, denotes a Person addicted to Hatred, Malice, and other like Vices.

A Mole on the Belly, denotes Whore-

dom, Luxury and Gluttony.

A Mole on the Knee, denotes Persons happy in Wedlock; and if a Woman, Increase of Children, and Fruitfulness in Bearing.

A Mole on the Ankle, in a Man, denotes Effeminacy; but in a Woman, a

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masculine Spirit, and that she shall were the Breeches.

A Mole on the Foot, denotes good Fortune both to Man and Woman.

A Mole on the Ball of the right Hand Thumb, promifes Riches by Industry.

A Mole on the left Ankle, denotes the

Person to be a great Traveller.

A Mole on the Groin, on the right Side, denotes good Fortune; and on the left, the contrary.

A Mole on the Eye-brow, signifies speedy Marriage, and a good Husband.

A Mole on the Lip, lignifies the Party

to be much beloved and very amorous.

A Mole on the right Cheek, denotes a timely Marriage, and fuch a one as shall be prosperous.

A Mole on the right Thigh, foretells Riches and Advancement by Marriage; and on the private Parts it doth the like.

A Mole on the right Knee of a Wo-man, denotes easie Labours, and a loving Husband.

A Mole on the left Buttock, denotes a pleasing Person, and one very much delighted in the Work of Generation.

And thus much thall suffice to be said

of Moles.

Useful and advantagious Instructions for the making all such legal Writings as are vulgarly in Use: most fit and chiefly designed for fuch as are unskilful in that Way, to be made Use of upon any sudden Emergency, and to supply the Occasions of Friends, Neighbours, &c. in Case of the Want of a Scrivener.

A Receipt, or Acquittance, to be given by an Apprentice, Clerk, or Menial Servant, on the Behalf of his Master, &c. when authorized.

June 29. 1741. Hen received of George Humble, the Sum of six Pounds, two Shillings, and 1. fix Pence, being in Part of o- > 06 02 06 ther Sums and Accompts, yet depending and remaining unpaid. I say, received for the Use of my Master John Gill,

By me Job Hall.

An Acquittance for Money paid in Fart of a Bond.

Eceived, July the 9th,7 Parkyns, the Sum of five Pounds, fix Shillings, and fix Pence, in Part of a Bond of twenty Pounds, due and payable to me on the fifteenth Day of June last past, and bearing [ l. s. d. Date the twenty eighth of Au- (05 06 06 gust, Ann. Dom. 1737. In Acknowledgment of which Receipt of the said five Pounds, fix Shillings, and fix Pence, I have hereunto set my Hand, the Day of the Date and Year, abovementioned.

William Richardson.

Witness

James Jones.

## An Aequittance in Full for Rent.

June the sixteenth Day, Anno Dom. 1748.

Hen received of Mr. Ben. Hicks, the Sum of Seven Pounds, ten Shillings in Money, and ten Shillings more which I have set off and difcounted for, and in Confideration of his paying fo much for Taxes on my Behalf; which Sum of eight Pounds is in full | 1. Payment for a Quarter's Rent, >08 oo oo due from him to me (for the Messuage or Tenement which he now dwelleth) at the Feast of the Annunciation of the bleffed Virgin last past. In Acknowledgment and Witness whereof I have fet my Hand, the Day and Year of the Date abovementioned.

John Cole.

Witness.

Samuel Brimblecombe.

Acquittances proper to be given by a Brewer's

June the first, Anno Dom. 1741.

Flen received of John Short, \
for ten Barrels of Beer and four of Ale, ten Pounds ten Shillings, at fifteen Shillings per Barrel; At which Time, ten Barrels of Beer, and one of Ale 1. s. d. rested upon the whole Accompt; (10 10 00. in Consideration of the Receipt of which Sum, to the Ule and Behoof of my Master, Mr. George Webb, I have in Witness thereof hereunto fet my Hand, the Date of the Day and Year above mentioned.

John Turner.

A plain Short, and ordinary Acquittance, rebich may serve upon any Occasion.

Eccived Julythe 10th 1741, \\
of Thomas Hill, the Sum \l. of Forty two Pounds, eight 42 08 00 Shillings, in full of all Accompts: I fay Received,

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After this Manner (tho' with somewhat of Alteration) for Things that in Variety require to be mentioned as to their Names and Quality, may any Acquittance be made, tho' in Case of a full Payment. If in a 'Concern of Moment, nothing is more proper or safe than a general Release; which, if given in the Presence, and attested under the Hands of good Witnesses, many Times lecures the Party from Cavils or Exceptions, that may be made or railed about the Insufficiency of an Acquittance: Wherefore I shall in the next Place proceed to give you the Form of that Indemnity, that is past any Peradventure of Defect, if legally obtained, and truly dated.

## The Form of a General Release.

That I Josiah Rosse of Gravesend, in the County of Kent, Mariner, have demifed, release, and for ever quitted Claim, and by these Presents do demise, release, and for ever quit claim to John How, of the City of Canterbury in the County aforesaid, Merchant, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, of all and all manner of Action and Actions, Suits, Bills, Bonds, Writings,

Writings, Obligatory, Debts, Dues, Duties, Accompts, Sum and Sums of Money, Leases, Mortgages, Judgments by Confessions, or otherwise obtained, Executions, Extents, Quarrels, Controversies, Trespasses, Damages and Demands wharloever, which in Law or Equity, or otherwise howsoever, I the said Josiah Rosse against the faid John How ever had, and which I, my Heirs, Executors or Administrators, shall or may have Claim, Challenge, or demand, for or by any Reasons Means, or Colour of any Marter, Cause, or Thing whatsoever, from the beginning of the World to the day of the date of their Presents. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this Fourteenth Day of June, in the 14th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, King of Great-Britain, &c. and of Man's Redemption, 1741.

Josiah Roffe.

Sealed and Delivered.

in the Presence of

Roger Pawlat. Richard Holden. A most exact Copy of a Letter of Licence usually granting and allowing Time of safe Conduct to a Debtor incapable of making present Payment; as in the Form will more plainly appear.

O all whom these Presents shall come; We whose Names are here under subscribed and annexed, Creditors of John Lowen, Citizen and Tallow-Chandler of London, send Greeting: Whereas the said John Lowen doth now stand indebted unto us his Creditors, and divers Sums of Money, which we are truly sensible he is not at present able. to pay; and we the said Creditors, and each of its respectively, being very well fatisfied of the good Intent and Meaning of the said John Lowen, which he hath to pay to us our said several Debts: Now know ye, that we the said Creditors, and every one of us for the Considerations aforesaid, have given and granted, and by these Presents do give and, grant, unto the said John Lowen, our sure and free Licence, Liberty and Conduct, as is in us, to go, come, pals and repals about his Business and Occasions for and during

during the Term and Space of two whole Years from the Date hereof, without Let, Suit, Trouble or Molestation of us his faid Creditors, or any of us, our, or any of our Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, or any of our Suit or Suits; and if it shall happen that the faid John Lowen, at any Time during the faid Term of two full Years, to commence from the Date hereof, shall by us his said Creditors, or any of us, our, or any of our Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, or by any other Person, or Persons, by or thro' the Commandment, Will, Consent or Knowledge of us, or any of us or them, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of these Presents, be any Ways Arrested, Sued or Molested in his Person or Goods, and be not thereof forthwith discharged and defended, that then the said John Lowen, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall, by Vertue of these Presents, be for ever clearly acquitted and discharged against him or them, his or their Executors or Administrators, by what Means or Consent the said John Lowen shall contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this our present Writing of safe Con-

duct be vexed, sued, arrested, attached, or hindered as aforefaid, and thereof not forthwith discharged and desended as aforesaid, and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Yohn Lowen to plead and give in Evidence of this our prefent Writing of safe Conduct, as in full Bar and Discharge of the Debts of such Person or Persons by whom the said John Lowen shall be so arrefted, fued, or molested, as aforesaid. In Witness whereof, we the faid Creditors of the said John Lowen have hereunto set our Hands and Seals the twenty eighth Day of September, Anno Dom. 1741. Annoque Regni Domini Regis Georgii II. nunc Magnæ Britannia, &c. Decimo Quarto.

Witness

James Hill.
John Shad.
Tho. Long.

And so in two Rows, if one suffice not, you may have it subscribed with the Seals annexed; and this Instrument must be sealed, signed and delivered by each individual Party, to your Use and Behoof, as an Obligation of that Kind, and ought to be safely laid up, and carefully regarded.

And seeing that the Letter of Attorney, is wonderfully useful on sundry Occasions, as enabling Persons the better to act by their Agents, when themselves are incapable, or at the greatest Distance: Subsequent to this, I shall give you the safest and most exact Form, &c.

The Form of a Letter of Attorney, to impower one to receive or sue for a Debt, and may serve in general, &c. the Name, Circumstance of the Business being changed, as Occasion requires.

That I Samuel Gilman, of Hertford, in the County of Hertford, Yeoman, have for fundry good Causes, and weighty Considerations, Nominated, Constituted, Ordained and Appointed, and by these Presents do Nominate, Constitute and Appoint, and in my Stead and Place put my trusty and well-beloved Friend Charles Cox of London, Gentleman, my true and lawful Attorney, to Ask, Demand, Levy, Recover and Receive for me, and in my Name, and to my Use and Behoof, of John Hall, of C. in the County of Essen, Husbandman, the Sum

of forty Pounds of good and lawful Money of England, which he the said John Hall oweth to me, and wherein he standeth bound unto me by his Bond, or Writing Obligatorily, under his Hand and Scal, bearing Date the twenty eighth Day of Oslober, Anno Dom. 1740. giving, and by these Presents granting to my said Attorney my sole and full Power and Authority in the Premises, to Sue, Arrest, Implead, Imprison, and Condemn the said John Hall, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, for me and in my Name, in any Court Spiritual or Temporal before any Judge or 'Justice; and the same John Hall, his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, again out of Prison to deliver at his Discretion, and upon the Receipt of the said Sum of Forty Pounds, or any Part thereof, one or more legal Acquittance or Acquittances, Discharge or Discharges for me, and in my Name, to make, Sign, Seal, and Deliver; as also one or more Attorney or Attorneys under him, to substitute or appoint, and again at his Pleasure to revoke, and further to do, execute, perform, and finish for me, and in my Name, all and singular Thing or Things which

which shall or may be necessary, touching and concerning the Premises, as sully, thoroughly, and entirely as I the said Samuel Gilman, in my own Person, might or could do in or about the same, ratifying, confirming and allowing whatsoever my said Attorney shall so do, or cause to be done, in the Premises, by these Presents: In Witness whereof I the said Samuel Gilman, have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the Ninth Day of June, in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, &c. and in the Year of our Lord God, 1741.

Samuel Gilman.

In Case any Person should unadvisedly give or grant any such Letter of Attorney, which he upon more mature Deliberation, is willing to revoke: then he may, for the repealing it, write and deliver this Form, as a publick Protestation against the Letter so granted in particular or general.

O all Christian People to whom these Presents shall come, Samuel Gilman of Hertford, in the County of Hertford Meoman, sendeth greeting. Whereas F the said Samuel Gilman, upon the Trust and Confidence which I had in Charles Cox of London, Gentleman, did by my Letter of Attorney, constitute and make the said Charles Cox, in my Name, and for all and Lingular my Goods, Debts, Dues and Demands whatsoever, lawful Attorney; and did give him further Authority and Power to deal for me, as by the faid Writing to him made more at large appeareth. Now, know ye, that I the faid Samuel Gilman, for that the said Charles Cox hath by Colour of the said Authority to to him given, behaved himself greatly to my hindrance, contrary to the Trust and Confidence I reposed in him, have revoked, countermanded, and made void, and by these Presents do revoke, countermand, and make void the faid Letter of Attorney, and all the Power and Authority of the faid Charles Cox to him given, as well by the said Writing, as by any other Means whatsoever, whereby he can or may pretend to have any Doing and Dealing for me

me, or in my Name, touching any Thing that is mine. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Ninth Day of June, in the 14th Year of our Sovereign Lord King George, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, &c. and in the Year of our Lord God, 1741.

. Samuel Gilman.

Note, That if it be made to revoke a Letter of Attorney given for one certain Sum, that Sum must be only mentioned; but if no Limitation be set, you may express the Trust in general.

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The Form of an Indenture of an Apprentice.

Roger Gale, Son of John Gale, late of the City of Bristol, hath put himself, and by these Presents doth voluntarily, and of his own free Will and Accord, put himself Apprentice to Thomas Bly, Citizen and Grocer of London, to learn his Art, Trade, or Mystery after the Manner of an Apprentice, to serve him from the Day of the Date hereof for and during the Term of seven Years next ensuring

ing; during all which Term the said Apprentice his said Master taithfully shall serve, his Secrets keep, lawful Commands gladly every where obey: He shall do no Damage to his said Master, nor see it to be done by others, without letting or giving Notice thereof to his faid Master: He shall not waste his said Ma-. ster's Goods, nor lend them unlawfully to any: He shall not commit Fornication, nor contract Matrimony within the said Term: At Cards, Dice, or any other unlawful Games he shall not play, whereby his said Master may have Damage with his own Goods, or the Goods of others: He shall not absent himself Day. nor Night from his Master's Service without his Leave; nor haunt Ale-houses, Taverns, or Play-houses; but in all Things behave himself as a faithful Apprentice ought to do, during the faid Term. And the said Master shall use the utmost of his Endeavour to teach, or cause to be taught and instructed, the said Apprentice, in the Trade or Mystery he now followeth; and procure and provide for him sufficient Meat, Drink, Apparel, Lodging and Washing, sitting for an Apprentice, during the said Term.

And for the true Performance of all and every the Covenants and Agreements, either of the faid Parties bind themselves unto the other by these Presents. In Witness whereof they have interchangeably put their Hands and Seals this twentieth Day of June, in the 14th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George, by the Grace of God of Great-Britain, &c. Annoque Dom. 1741.

Note, In this Case there must be a Pair of Indentures, one of them to be signed by the Servant, and delivered as his Ast and Deed to the Use of the Master; and the other signed by the Master; and delivered in the like Manner to the Servant; and the Seals to be in the Middle of the Indenture, hanging by a Slip of Parchment, as in Case of an Indenture of Lease or Covenant.

### The Form of a Will.

The Name of GOD, Amen. The Tenth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord, 1741. I Matthew Perry of Stratford in the County of Esex, Gentleman, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect Mind and Memory, E3 Thanks

Thanks be given unto God; therefore, calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament: That is to fay, principally, and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it; and for my Body, I recommend it to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian-like and decent manner, at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God: and as touching fuch worldly Estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following Manner and Form.

Imprimis, I give and bequeath to Mary, my dearly beloved Wife, the Sum of three hundred Pounds, of good and lawful Monies, to be raifed and levied out of my Estate, together with all my Houshold-Goods and Moveables.

Item, I give to my well-beloved Son Simon Perry, whom I likewise constitute, make and ordain, my only and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testa-

ment.

ment, all and singular my Lands, Messua-' ges and Tenements, by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed. And do hereby utterly dissallow, revoke, and disanul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, and Legacies, Bequests and Executors, by me in any Ways before this Time nam'd, will and bequeath'd: ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. It Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above-written.

Matthew Perry.

Sign'd, Seal'd, Publish'd, Pronounc'd, and Declar'd by the said as his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us the Subscribers, viz.

Nevil Simmons. John How, and Edward Payne.

Note, That if any Legacies, or particular Sums of Money, Goods, Chattels, &c. be given, they must be mentioned, as the Names E 4

of those they are given to, and that, at this Day, Three Witnesses are required, not any of them being included by Name in the Substance of the Will, as a Party concerned therein; for if so, the included Party is not held to be a legal Witness: And because in Case of Wills many Controversies have arose which have proved tedious and chargeable.

A. Ihort English Bill for Money.

NOW all Men by these Presents, That I Jacob Eaton, of the Parish of St. Margaret's Westminster, Gentleman, do own and acknowledge myself justly to stand indebted to Robert Grower, of the Parish of St. Leonard Foster-Lane in London, Haberdasher, the just Sum of Ten Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great-Britain, and which I do hereby promise to pay unto him the said Robert Grover, on the 20th Day of November next ensuing the Date hereof. Witness my Hand, this Twelsth Day of September, Anno Dom. 1741.

Jacob Eaton.

A short English Bill with a Penalty, &c.

NOW all Men by these Presents, That I Brian Eaton, of the City of York, Clothier, do owe and stand indebted to Paul Gunter, of the same City, Carpenter, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, of good and lawful Money of England, to be paid unto the sald Paul Gunter, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, on and upon the First Day of August, next ensuing the Date hereof, without Fraud or further Delay: For and in Consideration of which Payment well and truly to be made, I bind me, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, in the penal Sum of One hundred Pounds of the like lawful: Money, firmly by these Presents. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the first Day of May, in the Year of our Lord God, 1741.

Sign'd, Seal'd, and Deliver'd in the Presence of

John Spicer.
Will, Walter.

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Note, That the former of these Bilis is not better than a Book Debt but the latter will in many Cases hold as firm as a Bond, &c. And now, for the better Ease of such that under stand not the Latin, I shall set down the Form of a Bond, both Obligation and Condition, in English, which is frequently used, especially in the Country, and will stand good in Law.

## The Obligation.

NOW all Men by these Presents. That I Roger Buck, of the Parish of St. Giles in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, am holden, and firmly do stand bound unto Daniel Wright of St. Martin's in the Fields, in the said County, Vintner, the Sum of one hundred Pounds of good and lawful Money of England, to be paid unto the said Daniel Wright, his certain Attorney, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns whatsoever. To the which Payment well and truly to be made, I do hereby bind myself, my Heirs, Executors, and Admimistators firmly by these Presents, sealed with my Seal. Dated the second of Nowember, in the 14th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of of God of Great-Britain, &c. and in the Year of our Lord, 1741.

The Condition of the Obligation.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-bounden Roger Buck, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid to the above-named Daniel Wright; his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, the full Sum of Fisty Pounds, of good and lawful Money of Great-Britain, in and upon the first Day of September, next ensuing the Date here-of, without Fraud, or further Delay, that then this present Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full Force and Vertue.

Roger Buck

Sign'd, Seal'd and Delivered in the Presence of

Francis Lamb.
John Shorten.

Note, If you design any Place of certain Payment, you ought to mention it in the Condition; viz. at, or in the Dwelling-House of the said J. J. &c. as also you may specify after the Sum of Money mentioned these Words, viz. (with lawful Interest) if it be your Bargain to have Interest from the Time the Money is lent; tho Bonds in many Cases pay no Interest but from the Time they become due, and especially if the Bond be given for Goods or Wares.

The Form of a Bond from one Party to another.

The Obligation.

TOverint Universi per præsentes me Gorgium Kemp, de Parochia Sancti Egidii in Campis, in Comitatu Middlesexiæ, Generosum, teneri & firmiter obligari Francisco Melmo de Lond' Armigero, in Centum Libris bonæ & legalis Monetæ Magnæ Britanniæ solvend' eidem Francisco Melmo, aut suo certo Attornato, Executoribus, Administratoribus vel Assignatis suis: ad quam quidem solutionem bene & fideliter taciendam obligo me, Hæredes, Executores, Administratores meos, sirmiter per præsentes. Sigillo me sigillat' Dat. primo die Maii, Anno Regni Domini nostri Georgii, Dei Gratiâ, Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ, Regis. Fidei Defensoris, &c. Decimo Quarto Annog; Dom. 1741.

#### The Condition.

HE Condition of this Obligation is fuch, That if the above-mentioned George Kemp, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, to the above named Francis Melmo, his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, the Sum of Fifty Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great-Britain, in or upon the twenty ninth Day of November next ensuing the Date hereof, without Fraud or other Delay: then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full Force and Vertue.

Sigillat' & Deliberat' in præsentia

George Kempy

Tho. Giles, and Henry Rosse

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#### CANTING ACADEMY

OR, THE

## PEDLARS

French Dictionary.

Of Eating and Drinking.

Good Victuals RUM Peck
Good Drink RumBues or Suck
Victuals not fit to Quer Peck

eat

Bad Drink

Quer Bues or Suck

Bread and Cheese Pannum & Causam

Bread and Butter Pannum Spreadum

Eat much, eat little Peck rum, Peck quer

Its

Its Six-pence a Its a Sice a Darkum
Night

Is there good Hay Is there rum Strumfor the Horses mel for the Prads

Do the Horses eat Do the Prads peck heartily Rum?

Whoring & drink-Wapping and Busing ing confumes all mills all the Low-the Money yer

Is the Bed good or Is the Pad Rum or bad Quer

A Pot of Ale or A Shreat of Bues
Beer

### Of Cloaths and Money.

Fine Cloaths Rum Duds

Ragged Cloaths Quer Duds

A Coat

A Toggy

A Shirt A Smifb

A Hat A Shappo

A Pair of Shoes A Pair of Stampers

A Pair of Breeches A Pair of Stockor Stockings Draers

Twenty Shillings A Job

Ten Shillings Half a Job

Five

Five Shillings Five Boards Half a Crown A Slat A Shilling A Board Six Pence A Sice, or fix Wins A Groat A Flag Three Pence Thrum Wins Two Pence Duce Wins A Penny AWin A Half-penny A Make A Farthing A Fack Gory Money

Of Men and Women, good and bad.

A rich Man A rum Cove A rich Woman A rum Mort A poor Man A quer Cove A poor Woman A quer Mort A mad Man An abram Cave A mad Woman An abram Mort The King The rum Coll A Justice of Peace Arum Beck Constable A Harman A flogging Cull Beadle A Kinchen Cove Boy Girl A Kinchin Mort HighHigh-way Man Pick-pocket Beggars A Parson Coachman Whore

A Beggar born
One that loves
Whores
A stout Rogue
Goldsmith
Drunkard
Horse-stealer
Sheep-stealer

The Hangman
Eailiffs
The Gallows

A rum Padder

A File or a Cly

Cruisers

Tom Patt

A smoaking Cove

A Bloss or Wapping

Mort

A Clapperdugion

A Wapping Cove

A Ruffler
A Whetshire Cully
A Buesing Coll
Prigger of Prancers
Napper of Blaring
Cheats
The Nubbing Cove
Napping Bulls

A Nubbing Cheat

Of Several Things.

A House
A poor House
A brave stately
House

A Run Ken A Run Ken

To rob a House Heave a Booth Rings or Gloves Fam Cheats The Head The Nob Face Muns Nose Snich Eyes Ogles A Barn Skipper A Fire The Glim Candlestick Glimstick To beg To cruise To beat him To fib him A Prancer Horse Horse's Bridle A Prancegager Bedding Libbige Tospendonesmoney Fence ones Cole Say little or no-Stow your Whids thing, for the and plant them; Man of the the Cove of the House can un- Ken can cant'em derstand you, or if the Cove can't his Wife, or his the Mort can; if the Mort can't Child the Kinchen can Speak well

Tip Rum Whids

Speak ill

Tip Quer Whids Thieves

Thieves An Hostess A Pig To go away Chickens To look

The Windows Peafe

A Prison

London

Pottage

A Sheep's Head A Nappers Poll

To go up Stairs

A Nose-gay

To give Money

The Devil break

your, Neck

Any fort of Goods A Swag

Great many Goods A rum Swag

A few Goods

A Pocket

A Pais

Prids

The Mort of the

Buesing Ken

A grunting Cheat

Brush or Lope

Cackling Cheats

Tour

The Glasiers

Truelers

A Quod

Rum File

. Poplars

To look up the Dancers

A Smelling Cheat ...

Tip the Lowyer

The Devil. The Ruffin

The Ruffin mill your

Nob

A quer Swag

A Bung

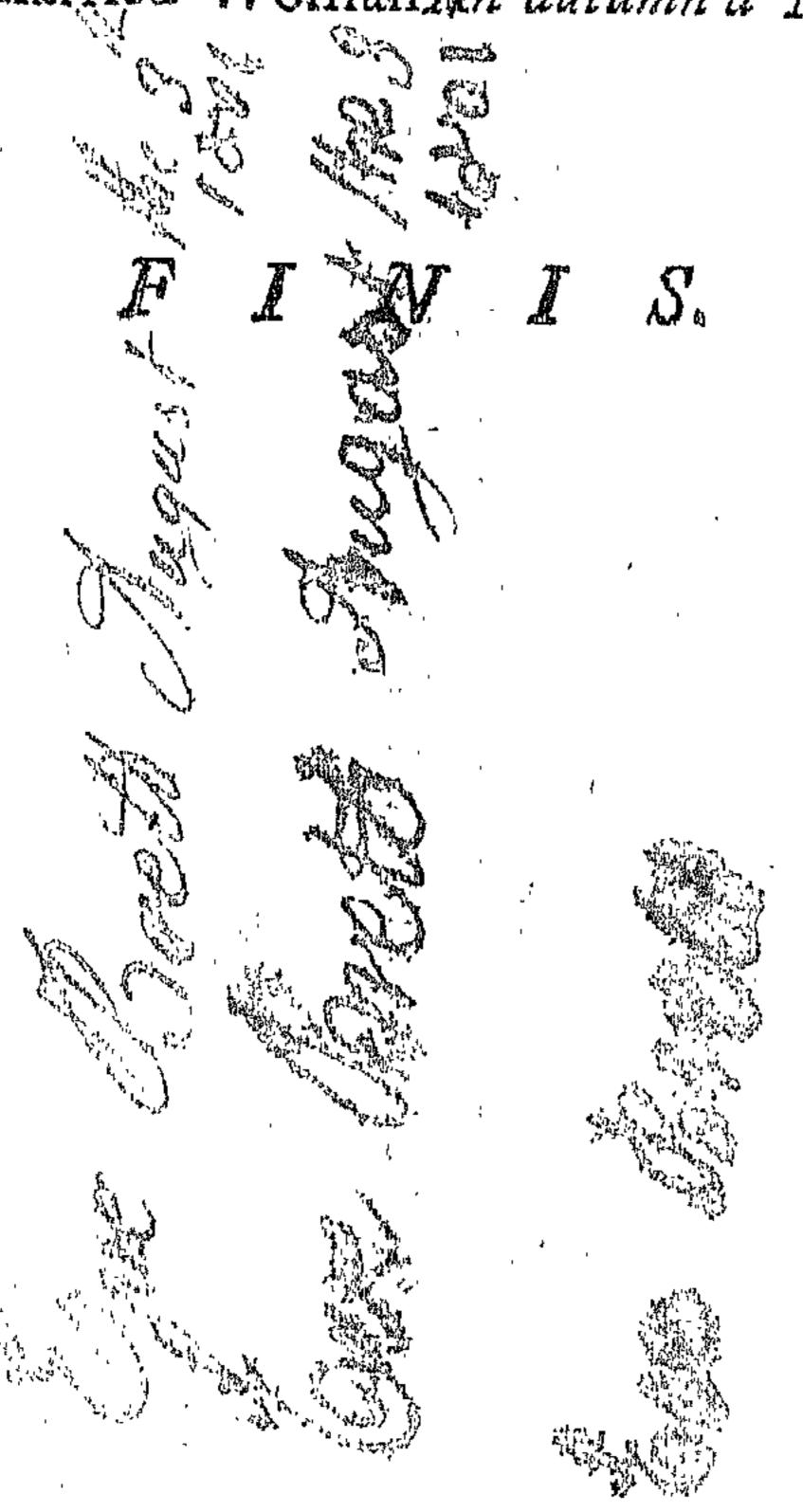
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Naughty

Naughty Money Quer Cole To be fearful To be peery The Country Deasyville Market-Town Aville A Dog A Buffer A good or bad way Going upon a Rum of getting of Lay
Money To hold yourPeter or John Aud-Tongue ley You, Fellow-travel-You, Cole, What ler, what do you slango do you go do for your living upon To kiss To bill or muns To feel a Woman To fam where they gene rally have a fancy To lie with a Wo-To wrap or yard k man A Man's Privities Jocum A Woman's A Bite Hair Strummel. A Silver Tankard A Witcher Cheat or Bowl A Soldier A Swag

A Seaman. A Lag Coll To go to Sea . To brush to the Lag. To Piss To Lag To Shit To Drif To be hang'd To be Topt The Tongue The Whidding Cheat Good Tobacco Rum Fogus Friend, will youColl will you fence spend your two- your Duce for a Pence for a pot Gage of Rum of good Ale? Buen? Bawdy-House A Wapping Ken or a Cafe To be whipt To be flogg'd Whipping-Post The flogging Cheat An old Baud that A. Heyderdan has been carted v. He drinks well He sucks his Muns rumly A Person travelling A Cruising Coll or in the Country, Mort Glimmer'a pretending to be out of their Ken. burnt out by Fire

An Apron A Belly Cheat
A common Beggar Cadater
A married Man An autumn'd Cove
A married Woman An autumn'd Mort.



# The Amorous Gallant.