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# ALDERMAN

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 [*two line initial*] the higheft of his Faculty ; or paid for  
 refufing his *MANDAMUS*. He is a Peer of the  
 City, and a Member of their upper Houfe,  
 Who, as foon as he arrives at fo many thoufand  
 Pounds, is bound by the Charter to ferve the  
 Public with fo much Underftanding, what  
 fhift foever he make to raife it, and wear a  
 Chain about his Neck like a Raindeer, or in  
 Default to commute, and make Satisfaction in  
 ready Money, the beft Reafon of the Place;  
 for which hi has the Name only, like a titular  
 Prince, and is an *Alderman extraordinary*. But  
 if his Wife can prevail with him to ftand, he  
 becomes one of the City-fupporters, and, like  
 the Unicorn in the King's Arms, wears a Chain  
 about his Neck very right-worfhipfully. He  
 wears Scarlet, as the Whore of *Babylon* does,  
 not for her honefty, but the Rank and Quality

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he is of among the Wicked, When he fits as a Judge in his Court he is abfolute,  
 and ufes arbitrary Power ; for he is not bound to un- derftand what he does, nor  
 render an Account why he gives Judgment on one Side rather than another ; but  
 his Will is fufficient to ftand for his Reafon, to all Intents and Purpofes. He does  
 no public Bufinefs without eating and drinking, and never meets about Matters of  
 Im- portance, but the Cramming his Inlide is the moft weighty Part of the Work  
 of the Day. He difpatches no public Affair until he has thoroughly dined upon it,  
 and is fully fatisfied with Quince-Pye and Cuftard : for Men are wifer, the *Italians*  
 fay, after their Bellies are full, than when they are fafting, and he is very cautious  
 to omit no Occafion of improving his Parts that Way. He is fo careful of the In-  
 tereft of his Belly, and manages it fo induf- trioufly, that in a little Space it grows  
 great and takes Place of all the reft of his Members, and becomes fo powerful, that  
 they will never be in a Condition to rebel againft it any more. He is cloathed in

Scarlet the Livery of his Sins, like the rich Glutton, to put him in Mind of what Means he came to his Wealth and Pre- ferment by. He makes a Trade of his Eat-

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ing, and, like a Cock, scrapes when he feeds; for the Public pays for all and more, which he and his Brethren fhare among themselves ; for they never make a dry Reckoning. When he comes to be Lord-Mayor he does not keep a great Houfe, but a very great Houfe-warming for a whole Year ; for though he invites all the *Companies* in the City he does not treat them, but they club to entertain him, and pay the Reckoning beforehand. His Fur-gown makes him look a great deal bigger than he is, like the Feathers of an Owl, and when he pulls it off, he looks as if he were fallen away, or like a Rabbet, had his Skin pulled off.

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