

[double rule]

## A BANKRUPT

I<sup>2</sup>S made by breaking, as a Bird is hatched  
by breaking the Shell, for he gains more  
by giving over his Trade, than ever he did by  
dealing in it. He drives a Trade, as Oliver  
Cromwel did a Coach, till it broke in Pieces.  
He is very tender and careful in preserving  
his Credit, and keeps it as methodically as a  
Race-nag is dieted, that in the End he may  
run away with it: for he observes a punctual  
Curiosity in performing his Word, until he  
has improved his Credit as far as it can go ;  
and then he has caught the Fifth, and throws  
away the Net ; as a Butcher, when he has fed  
his Beasts as fat as it can grow, cuts the Throat

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of it. When he has brought his Design to  
Perfection, and disposed of all his Materials,  
he lays his Train, like a Powder Traytor, and  
gets out of the way, while he blows up all  
those that trusted him. After the Blow is  
given there is no Manner of Intelligence to be  
had of him for some Months, until the Rage  
and Fury is somewhat digested, and all Hopes  
vanished of ever recovering any Thing of Body,  
or Goods, for Revenge, or Reftitution ; and  
then Propositions of Treaty and Accommoda-  
tion appear, like the Sign of the Hand and Pen  
out of the Clouds, with Conditions more un-  
reasonable than Thieves are wont to demand  
for Reftitution of stolen Goods. He shoots  
like a Fowler at a whole Flock of Geese at  
once, and talks with his Horse to come as near  
as possibly he can without being perceived by

any one, or giving the least Suspicion of his Design, until it is too late to prevent it ; and then he flies from them, as they should have done before from him. His Way is so commonly used in the City, that he robs in a Road, like a Highwayman, and yet they will never arrive at Wit enough to avoid it ; for it is done

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upon Surprise ; and as Thieves are commonly better mounted than those they rob, he very easily makes his Escape, and flies beyond Pursuit of Huon-cries, and there is no Possibility of overtaking him.

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