

[two rules]/ #AN/ #Astrologer/ / / I²s one that expounds upon the Planets, and/ teaches to conftrue the *Accidents* by the *due/ joining of Stars in Conftruction*. He talks with/ them by dumb Signs, and can tell what they/ mean by their twinkling, and squinting upon/ one another, as well as they themselves. He/ is a Spy upon the Stars, and can tell what they/ are doing, by the Company they keep, and the/ Houses they frequent. They have no Power to/ do any Thing alone, until fo many meet, as/ will make a *Quorum*. He is Clerk of the Com-/ mittee to them, and draws up all their Orders,/ that concern either public or private Affairs./ He keeps all their Accompts for them, and/ fums them up, not by *Debtor*, but by *Creditor*/ alone, a more compendious Way. They do/ ill to make them have fo much Authority over/

the Earth, which, perhaps, has as much as/ any one of them but the Sun, and as much/ Right to fit and vote in their Councils, as any/ other : But becaufe there are but feven Electors/ of the *German* Empire, they will allow of no/ more to difpofe of all other ; and moft foolifhly/ and unnaturally depofe their own Parent of its/ Inheritance; rather than acknowledge a Defect/ in their own Rules. Thefe Rules are all they/ have to fhew for their Title ; and yet not one/ of them can tell whether thofe they had them/ from came honeftly by them. *Virgil's* Def-/ cription of *Fame*, that reaches from Earth/ to the Stars, *tam ficti pravique tenax*, to carry/ Lies and Knavery, will ferve Aftrologers with-/ out any fenfible Variation. He is a Fortune-/ Seller, a Retailer of Deftiny, and petty Chap-/ man to the Planets. He cafts Nativities as/ Gamefters do falfe Dice, and by flurring and/ palming *sextile*, *quartile*, and *trine*, like *fize*,/ *quater*, *trois*, can throw what chance he/ pleafes. He fets a Figure, as Cheats do a Main/ at Hazard ; and Gulls throw away their Money/ at it. He feftches the Grounds of his Art fo/ far off, as well from Reafon, as the Stars, that,/ like a Traveller, he is allowed to lye by Au-/

thority. And as Beggars, that have no Money/ themfelves, believe all others have, and beg/ of thofe, that have as little as themfelves : So/ the ignorant Rabble believe in him, though/ he has no more Reafon for what he profeffes,/ than they./
