

[two rules]/ / #A RANTER/ / / I²s a *Fanatic* Hector, that has found out by a very ftrange Way of new Light, how to transform all the *Devils* into *Angels of Light* ; for he believes all Religion confits in Loofenefs, and that Sin and Vice is *the whole Duty of Man*. He puts off the *old Man*, but puts it on again upon the *new one*, and makes his *Pagan* Vices ferve to preferve his *Chriftian* Virtues from wearing out ; for if he fhould ufe his Piety and Devotion al- ways it would hold out but a little while. He is loth that Iniquity and Vice fhould be thrown away, as long as there may be good Ufe of it ; for if that, which is wickedly gotten, may be difpofed to pious Ufes, why fhould not Wickednefs itfelf as well? He believes himfelf Shot-free againft all the Attempts of the *Devil*, the *World*, and the *Flesh*, and therefore is not afraid to attack them in their own Quarters, and encounter them at their own Weapons.

For as ftrong Bodies may freely venture to do,/ and fuffer that, without any Hurt to them-/ felves, which would deftroy thofe that are/ feeble: So a Saint, that is ftrong in Grace,/ may boldly engage himfelf in thofe great Sins/ and Iniquities, that would eafily damn a weak/ Brother, and yet come off never the worfe./ He believes Deeds of Darknefs to be only thofe/ Sins that are committed in private, not thofe/ that are acted openly and owned. He is but/ an *Hypocrite* turned the wrong Side outward ;/ for, as the one wears his Vices within, and/ the other without, fo when they are counter-/ changed the *Ranter* becomes an *Hypocrite*, and/ the *Hypocrite* an able *Ranter*. His Church is/ the *Devil's* Chappel ; for it agrees exactly both/ in Doctorine and Difcipline with the beft reform-/ ed Baudy-Houfes. He is a Monfter produced/ by the Madnefs of this latter Age ; but if it/ had been his Fate to have been whelped in old/ *Rome* he had paft for a Prodigy, and been re-/ ceived among raining of Stones and the fpeak-/ ing of Bulls, and would have put a ftop to all/ public Affairs, until he had been expiated./ *Nero* cloathed *Chriftians* in the Skins of wild/ Beafes ; but he wraps wild Beafes in the Skins/ of *Chriftians*./
