

[two rules]

A CORRUPT JUDGE

P²asses Judgement as a Gamester does
falſe Dice. The firſt Thing he takes is
his Oath and his Comiſſion, and afterwards
the ſtrongeſt Side and Bribes. He gives Judg-
ment, as the Council at the Bar are ſaid to give
Advice, when they are paid for it. He wraps
himſelf warm in Furs, that the cold Air may
not ſtrike his Conſcience inward. He is never
an upright Judge, but when he is weary of
fitting, and ſtands for his Eaſe. All the Uſe
he make of his Oath is to oppoſe it againſt
his Prince, for whoſe Service he firſt took it,
and to bind him with that, which he firſt pre-
tended to bind himſelf with; as if the King by
imparting a little of his Power to him gave
hi to Title to all the reſt, like thoſe who hold-
ing a little Land in Capite render all the reſt

liable to the ſame Tenure. As for that which
concerns the People, he takes his Liberty to do
what he pleaſes ; this he maintains with Cant-
ing, of which himſelf being the only Judge,
he can give it what arbitrary Interpretation he
pleaſes ; yet is a great Enemy to arbitrary
Power, becauſe he would have no Body uſe it
but himſelf. If he have Hope of Preferment
he makes all the Law run on the King's Side ;
if not, it always takes part againſt him ; for as
he was bred to make any Thing right or wrong
between Man and Man, ſo he can do between
the King and his Subjects. He calls himſelf
Capitalis, &c. which Word he never uſes but
to Crimes of the higheſt Nature. He uſurps

unfufferable Tyranny over Words ; for when he has enflaved and debased them from their original Sense, he makes them serve against themselves to support him, and their own Abuse. He is as stiff to Delinquents, and makes as harsh a Noise as a new Cart-wheel, until he is greased, and then he turns about as easily. He called all necessary and unavoidable Proceedings of State, without the punctual Formality of Law, arbitrary and illegal, but never considers, that his own Interpretation

of Law are more arbitrary, and, when he pleases, illegal. He cannot be denied to be a very impartial Judge ; for right or wrong are all one to him. He takes Bribes, as pious Men give Alms, with so much Caution, that his right Hand never knows what his left receives./
