

/ / [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/ him 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 re-/ ceives./
