

## A CORRUPT JUDGE

Non-Specific Humans Gamester the Council at the Bar Prince King those who  
hold[] a little land in Capite the People Man Subjects Delinquents Pious Men

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falte Dice. The first Thing he takes is  
his Oath and his Comiffion, and afterwards  
the ftrongeft Side and Bribes. He gives Judg-  
ment, as the Council at the Bar are faid to give  
Advice, when they are paid for it. He wraps  
himself warm in Furs, that the cold Air may  
not ftrike his Confcience inward. He is never  
an upright Judge, but when he is weary of  
fitting, and ftands for his Eafe. All the Ufe  
he make of his Oath is to oppofe it againft  
his Prince, for whose Service he firft took it,  
and to bind him with that, which he firft pre-  
tended to bind himfelf with; as if the King by  
imparting a little of his Power to him gave  
hi to Title to all the reft, like thofe who hold-  
ing a little Land in Capite render all the reft

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liable to the fame Tenure. As for that which  
concerns the People, he takes his Liberty to do  
what he pleafes ; this he maintains with Cant-  
ing, of which himfelf being the only Judge,  
he can give it what arbitrary Interpretation he  
pleafes ; yet is a great Enemy to arbitrary  
Power, becaufe he would have no Body ufe it  
but himfelf. 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 enſlaved and debaſed them from their original Senſe, he makes them ſerve againſt themſelves to ſupport him, and their own Abufe. 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

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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./

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