

[two rules]

## A CORRUPT JUDGE

P<sup>2</sup>ASSES 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

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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

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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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