[*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  
ſitting, 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 higeſt Nature. He uſurps  
unſufferable Tyranny over Words ; for when  
he has enſlaved and debaſed them from their  
original Senſe, he makes them ſerves 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 necceſſary 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./