/ / [*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. Al 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./