[*two rules*]/ #AN/ #Astrologer/ / / I2s one that expounds upon the Planets, and/ teaches to conſtrue the *Accidents* by the *due/ joining of Stars in Conſtruction.* He talks with/ them by dumb Signs, and can tell what they/ mean by their twinckling, and ſquinting upon/ one another, as well as they themſelves. He/ is a Spy upon the Stars, and can tell what they/ are doing, by the Company they keep, and the/ Houſes they frequent. They have no Power to/ do any Thing alone, until ſo many meet, as/ will make a *Quorum.*He is Clerk of the Com-/ mittee to them, and draws up all their Orders,/ that concern either public or private Affairs./ He keeps all their Accompts for them, and/ ſums them up, not by *Debtor,* but by *Creditor*/ alone, a more compendious Way. They do/ ill to make them have ſo much Authority over/

the Earth, which, perhaps, has as much as/ any one of them but the Sun, and as much/ Right to ſit and vote in their Councils, as any/ other : But becauſe there are but ſeven Electors/ of the *German* Empire, they will allow of no/ more to diſpoſe of all other ; and moſt fooliſhly/ and unnaturally depoſe their own Parent of its/ Inheritance; rather than acknowledge a Defect/ in their own Rules. Theſe Rules are all they/ have to ſhew for their Title ; and yet not one/ of them can tell whether thoſe they had them/ from came honeſtly by them. *Virgil's* Deſ-/ cription of *Fame,* that reaches from Earth/ to the Stars, *tam ficti pravique tenax,* to carry/ Lies and Knavery, will ſerve Aſtrologers with-/ out any ſenſible Variation. He is a Fortune-/ Seller, a Retailer of Deſtiny, and petty Chap-/ man to the Planets. He caſts Nativities as/ Gameſters do falſe Dice, and by ſlurring and/ palming *ſextile, quartile,* and *trine,* like *ſize,*/ *quater, trois,* can throw what chance he/ pleaſes. He ſets a Figure, as Cheats do a Main/ at Hazard ; and Gulls throw away their Money/ at it. He festches the Grounds of his Art ſo/ far off, as well from Reaſon, as the Stars, that,/ like a Traveller, he is allowed to lye by Au-/

thority. And as Beggars, that have no Money/ themſelves, believe all others have, and beg/ of thoſe, that have as little as themſelves : So/ the ignorant Rabble believe in him, though/ he has no more Reaſon for what he profeſſes,/ than they./