[*double rule*]

# A BANKRUPT

I2S made by breaking, as a Bird is hatched  
by breaking the Shell, for he gains more  
by giving over his Trade, than ever he did by  
dealing in it. He drives a Trade, as *Oliver*  
*Cromwel* did a Coach, till it broke in Pieces.  
He is very tender and careful in preſerving  
his Credit, and keeps it as methodically as a  
Race-nag is dieted, that in the End he may  
run away with it: for he observes a punctual  
Curioſity in performing his Word, until he  
has improved his Credit as far as it can go ;  
and then he has catched the Fiſh, and throws  
away the Net ; as a Butcher, when he has fed  
his Beaſt as fat as it can grow, cuts the Throat

of it. When he has brought his Deſign to  
Perfection, and diſpoſed of all his Materials,  
he lays his Train, like a Powder Traytor, and  
gets out of the way, while he blows up all  
thoſe that truſted him. After the Blow is  
given there is no Manner of Intelligence to be  
had of him for ſome Months, until the Rage  
and Fury is ſomewhat digeſted, and all Hopes  
vaniſhed of ever recovering any Thing of Body,  
or Goods, for Revenge, or Reſtitution ; and  
then Propoſitions of Treaty and Accommoda-  
tion appear, like the Sign of the *Hand and Pen*  
out of the Clouds, with Conditions more un-  
reaſonable than Thieves are wont to demand  
for Reſtitution of ſtolen Goods. He ſhoots  
like a Fowler at a whole Flock of Geeſe at  
once, and ſtalks with his Horſe to come as near  
as poſſibly he can without being perceived by  
any one, or giving the leaſt Suſpicion of his  
Deſign, until it is too late to prevent it ; and  
then he flies from them, as they ſhould have  
done before from him. His Way is ſo com-  
monly uſed in the City, that he robs in a Road,  
like a Highwayman, and yet they will never  
arrive at Wit enough to avoid it ; for it is done

upon Surpriſe ; and as Thieves are commonly  
better mounted than thoſe they rob, he very  
eaſily makes his Eſcape, and flies beyond Per-  
ſuit of Huon-cries, and there is no Poſſibility  
of overtaking him.