

WHEN our common Terror was now grown to the Height, the Uproar and the Darkness increasing upon Us, a gentle Stream of Light broke faintly through the Gloom, and I could perceive the Person coming towards us, whom the Security of our Joys, we had rejected. Hereupon, I recollected the compassionate Look with which she left us, and entertained some Hopes of Succour, of which we then stood in the utmost Need; for the Scene of Horror that surrounded us, had reduced us not only to despise each the other, but to abhor even our selves.

AS she drew near, she threw up her Veil, and discovered a Countenance full of Sweetness and Composure, such a Mixture as arises from Prudence and Innocence united. The violent Convulsions of Nature did not discompose her Looks. We immediately prostrated our selves at her Feet, when she reached out her hand, and rised us with an Indulgence we little expected. The THUNDER ceased, and the Violence of the Storm abated, when I would have excused the rude Treatment, she had received from me: But SHE, touched with my Grief and Confusion, prevented me in the following Words.

IT was my tender Concern for you, that brought me hither before, and the same Compassion prevailed upon me to return. I can easily pardon your first Fault; and am not surpris'd at the powerful Influence, which the Presence of VICE had over you. Your Youth, your Inexperience, the Weakness of your REASON, and Violence of your PASSIONS, all plead strongly for you. But if after this severe Warning, you continue deaf to my Admonitions, I shall forever withdraw my Protection from you.

I was preparing to reply; when she prevented me again to this Effect. REMEMBER, Promises in the Hour of Distress are very deceitful: They shew the Fear and Anxist, not the Resolution, of the Soul. Take Time and Leisure to reflect coolly on your past Conduct; learn the Habit of Reasoning without Passion, and your Actions then will be conformable to the Dignity of your Nature: Sudden Resolves are only the Lightnings of a dark Mind: Deliberate Counsels yield a continued Light and will conduct you safely through Life.

AS she spoke, my Fears vanished, my Disorder ceased, and I felt my whole Anxiety relieved. I viewed my lovely Bride with new Pleasure, whose Beauty now seemed to receive a fresh Lustre; and her Eyes glanced with equal Complacency on me: When the DIVINE FORM continued thus her Speech. — I come not to disanite but to cement your Loves and make them lasting. Improve your Courtship into Wedlock. Let your Inclinations and your Interest be always one: Go hand in hand in all your Undertakings: Make your Offspring, by your Examples, an Ornament and a Blessing to Society; and count your Children the Children of the Publick. — At these Words she smiled on us with a Superior Grace, and rising from the Ground marked her swift Passage through the Air with a Tract of Light.

BY this Time the few remaining CLOUDS were all dispersed; the FLOWERS revived; the BIRDS re-

newed their Songs; and I waked, smitten with the Form of VIRTUE, ravished with her Counsel, inspired with fresh Resolutions to practise what was amiable in a DREAM, and what I find so Real I am Awake.

I am Yours,

THE PLAIN-D

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** In the last Gazette, the 14th Line of the last for SACRED HOURS read SACRED HO

Annapolis, Jan. 14. We have an Account of Hopkins, who arriv'd about 3 Weeks ago from that Cape, Barb, and Capri, who look in the Bag of Tobacco in this Province last Summer and for Beaufort, met with bad Weather on the and lost both their Ships. Capt. Shipley and 4 of his Men betaking them to their boat, were lost, the rest of the Men who the Hull, were sav'd till they were fetch'd off.

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To-morrow will be Publish'd,

A Just and Impartial Account of the Transactions of the Merchants in London, for the Adjustment of the Price of TOBACCO. About the latter End of the Year 1727, and Beginning of 1728. By HENRY DARNALL. Who was present at most of the Meetings. In a Letter from Him, to the Inhabitants of Maryland. Dated September, 18, 1728.

RUN away on the 9th Instant, from the Quarter belonging to Mr. Lloyd Harris, of Baltimore County, a Servant Man, named John Hancock, an Anderson: He is a stout thick Man, aged about Twenty seven: Has been aboard a Man of War, and may pass for a Soldier. He had on, when he went away, an old Kersey Coat, on one of the Sleeves, a strip'd Jacket, a Pair of Buck Breeches, with Brass Buttons, and Trowsers over the Pair of new Shoes and Yarn Hose, and a new Carolina with a white Hat-Band. He lately robb'd the Store of Mr. Edward Fell, and is supposed to be the Person that has the Major Tomwood's Watch, &c. which Watch it's believed he has with him, and Thirty-Pounds in Cash. — Whoever secures the said Man, shall be paid what the Law allows.

STol'n or Stray'd, from Capt. William Rogers of the City of Annapolis, A Light Grey Horse, about Thirteen Hands high: With a Hanging Mane, a Sprig Tail; has been lately Shod all round; with a Nail on his Near Buttock thus MH, and on his Near Shoe thus L. Whoever takes up the said Horse, and gives notice to the Owner thereof, shall be generously rewarded their Pains, by

William Rogers

THE ACTS of the last Session of Assembly. Printed and Sold by William Parks, Price 2 s. to those who bought the Whole Body of Laws, and 2 s. 6 d. to those who have not.

THE Right of the Inhabitants of Maryland to the Benefit of the English LAWS. By D. Dulany, Esq. Printed and Sold by W. Parks. Price 2 s.

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