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Wrongs amony A Perfons of Honour and Credit, the Imposture detected, and her Advocates covered with Confusion—and be not rath in your Judgment.—Reconsider the Tale of the Cock-Lane Apparition, how were the fordload by the Town. greedily fivallowed by the Town, how generally admit-ted by the Superfittions, and half credited by Men of Senfe and Understanding. Let Mr. Churchill conduct you into the Vault with his Three Herots, when

senie and Understanding. Let Air. Chiffenth conduct you into the Vault with his Three Heroes, when Silent, all Three went in, about All Three rurn'd filent, and came out.

Pity the Credulity of Mankind, and be not rath in your judgment. —Read the Story over again of the unfortunate Calas; execrate the Cruelty of Mankind; but learn to judge not rathly. —When will Impoltures end?—When Impoltors can no longer profit by them. —To the former a Rape now fucceeds, —attended with them most barbarous Circumstances.—It is the peculiar Privilege of Englishmen, and the excellent Provision of our Laws, that the Accuse finall always be confronted with the Criminal, and that the Accused shall not be condemned unheard. The Public is the Tribunal before which his Lordship's Character is to be canvassed: The Offence we must leave to the Decision of a Civil Court of Judicature. The former would be highly improper, if the latter subsisted on the Spot, as Prepossession and Prejudice ought equally to be avoided by every Judge. But perhaps it is impossible to divest the Public of them. Judging from Passion, rather than Ressession, they take the first Impression, which are not only the strongest for a Time, but often never effaced.—Hear however hot's Sides of the Ouestion, and he to flection, they take the first Impressions, which are not only the strongest for a Time, but often never essaced.—Hear however both Sides of the Question, and be not roth in your Judgment.—Lord B— is not only accused of a Rape, but of accomplishing the Fact by cruel and barbarous Means. However the former turn out, the latter is not consistent in the least with his Lordship's general Character:—which is humane, compassionate, friendly, amiable; his Temper stank, open, generous even to Profusion; his Disposition soft and tender, even to a Fault,—Dut a Fault cashly forgiven is Understanding cultivated by Study, embellished by Travel, resided by a Taste for, and an Attachment to, the Fine Arts, with a Fondness for the Charms of Poetry, which renders his Heart perhaps more susceptible the Fine Arts, with a Fondness for the Charms of Poetry, which renders his Heart perhaps more susceptible of the Charms of Beauty. Can it be supposed, that a Nobleman, endowed with such a Temper, Disposition, Understanding and Talents, could make use of any outrageous or barbarous Means to perpetiate his Design (the very Enjoyment consisting in mutual Consent) and may we not, on better Grounds, suppose (as I dare my it will turn out) that the Prosecution has arisen from the murcenary Designs of an artful Woman, the base Contrivance of her impoverished and importunate Friends, and the holy Zeal of an exasperated Party, who affecting a superior Degree of Purity, would purwho affecting a fuperior Degree of Purity, would puriue to the Stake the leaft Breach of a moral Duty in any Person out of their own Pale.—Not that I pretend to justify the Morality of the Action, independent of the Rape, tho' it may be so far justified, as the Example of Nineteen Parts of Mankind out of Twenty thro' the whole World can do it; and many a moral thro' the whole World can do it; and many a moral Philosopher would make no Scruple of concurring with Mr. Voltaire's Opinion, who speaking of Philip Duke of Burgundy, firnamed, The Good, says, "This Prince's Virtue, however, did not prevent him from giving a Loose to Pleasure, and the Love of Women, which can never be a Crime, but when it prompts to some vicious Action? No doubt. And the Man that perpetrates it, in the full Intent and Signification of the Word, deserves fulfer condign Punishment,—But a fraudulent to suffer condign Punishment.—But a fraudulent Combination against his Lordship appears to me so ma--But a fraudulent nifest, that I could venture to apply to him the Irishman's Address; Give me a Trisse, and I'll be hang'd in your Stead.

The Account I transmit to you is a State of the Case impartially set forth on his Lordship's Part. The Author of it is a Gentleman of Credit, lives much in the World, and has an Opportunity of conversing frequent-ly with Persons engaged, tho he is himself unconcerned on either Side. As nothing can transpire, that is strict-ly authentic, 'til after the Trial, you will please to take this Intelligence as hear-say Evidence upon the best Information that could be procured. In Contradiction to your Account that Lord B—— is at Orleans, my Correspondent adds in a Postscript, That he hears it is Lord B——'s Intention to surrender himself the first Day of next Term, before the Court of King's Bench, where it is expected he will be admitted to Bail, that he has a notified this to the Girl's Counfel, who have thereupon defifted from attempting to take him, and that he has actually retained Counfel, and will submit at present to no Compromise; and he subjoins, that the Sentiments of the wifer and cooler Persons in Town, and in partiof the wifer and cooler Perions in Town, and in parti-cular of the Gentlemen of the Law, with whom he is most conversant, are, that the whole Transaction will turn out a wicked, artful and insidious Combination against his Lordship's Purse.

I shall state the Answer to this Charge in the plain simple and artless Manner in which Truth will always appear to the greatest Advantage, and in the Words of

appear to the greater Advances
my Correspondent.

Lord B—— had used to employ a certain Duerina,
as a Minister to his private Enjoyments, an Indulgence
for which every Man is to answer for himself. Upon
an Occasion of this Sort, Miss W—— was introduced
leafore made acquainted with the Purto him, being before made acquainted with the Purpole, and having confented to the Proposal. She knew very well what she was proceeding to, and consulted only her own Inclinations. She went then willingly and knowingly to Lord B——, with whom she freely third, was well pleased with the Reception she met with, haid, was well pleased with the Reception she met with, and expressed a Desire to go with him to his House in the Country. She staid there agreeable to her own Pleasure, and entirely at her own Disposal, 'til she was brought back by Lord B——, in consequence of a Writ of Habeas Corpus. His Lordship knowing well the kind Treatment and civil, Usage he had shewed the Girl, made not the least Demur or Hestation to obey the Writ, and what pass'd upon this Occasion before Lord
M—, is his greatest Justification. It is observable,
that Miss W—, whilst at his Lordship's Country Seat,
wrote a Letter with her own Hand to her Father, the Substance of which was, that she was perfectly happy, is and defined his Acceptance of a Bank-Note of 2001, which she had begged of his Lordship for that Purpose, It is farther observable,

that Milis W—— affeared perfectly at Eafe, walked out in the Park without an Attendant, and particularly was prefent at the drawing a Fish-Pond, his Lordship having the Ice broke to gratify her Palatewith Dith of Fish; so far was the from a Design of starving felf, and he from a Design of the rinto a Comprishe. At the drawing of the Fish-Pond, it happened that one of the Servants fell, or was pushed in, upon which our young Lady (who is represented to have been so inhumanly treated, and under the most racking Torments of Mind) burst out into a loud Laugh. Does this shew the pining disconsolate Prisoner, or the young sprightly Wanton perfectly at Ease?

I shall now relate to you what passed before Lord

Answer; but the Person who asked the Question; swore, That he understood by her Ceuntenance, that she was confined against her Will, but did not dare to speak. Lord M—upon this Surmise, granted the Habeas Corfus, which was immediately obeyed; Lord B—producing the Girl in Person, with this Address to Lord M—. This is an Affair of Gallantry, my Lord, and I am no further answerable for it, than that the Lady was brought to me, by a Woman, whom I have employed upon such Occasions. However, as it is come to this Pais, I am very glad, that I appear before such a one as your Lordship, one so well acquainted with the World, and who understands and can make Allowances in these Matters. Lord M—made no other Reply to this, than in applying himself to the young Woman, whom he acquainted with the Reason of her being brought before him; telling her, it was upon a Sugbrought before him; telling her, it was upon a Suggestion of her being illegally confined, against her Will, in the Custody of Lord B—. He spoke to her thus: "You are brought here, in order to recover your Liberty, of which it is said you have been deprived. From this Moment then you are free, for, being of Age to dispose of yourself \*, I will protect you, whithersoever you choose to go. Your most prudent Step indeed would be to return with your Father, who is prefent here to receive you. It is not my Province to remind you of the Immorality of the Act, if you do not; but should you choose to return with Lord B---, (tho' I mention the Imprudence) I will equally protect (tho' I mention the Imprudence) I will equally protect you from any Molestation of your Father, as I will from any Attempts of Lord B—, in case you choose to go with your Father." Upon this Miss W—made Reply, that as she had gone with Lord B—, and had staid with him, with her own Consent, so she had been very well used by him, and chose to return with him. Lord M— said, it was very well; but he must first of all speak to her in private. He accordingly ordered every Body else to withdraw out of the Room, but his Secretary; then he addressed himself to the Girl, telling her, that she was brought before a Person, who was ready to hear every Matter that she might have to alledge, concerning Lord B—'s Treatment have to alledge, concerning Lord B——'s Treatment of her, as there was Suggestions to him of his using her with Violence, and that she was now in a Situation when she might use her Liberty without Fear, and receive Satisfaction for any Wrongs that might have been done her. He then intreated her to speak the Truth without Hesitation; and sie instantly returned for Answer! that she had no Complaint to make against Lord
B., and that she had yielded to his Desires, with
her own Will and Consent. Upon this Lord M
called in all the Attendants upon the Occasion, Lord her own Will and Consent. Upon this Lord M—called in all the Attendants upon the Occasion, Lord B——, the Father, Lover, (whom Lord M— then took for the Brother) and all the rest; (for by this Time many Persons had got Admittance into his Chambers;) and told them, that he thought it his Duty, and a Piece of Justice, as there had been an Accusation of Force being used in this Affair, to declare to them, what had passed, whilst he had discoursed with this young Lady in private. He repeated to them her Declarations, and asked her publickly, whether they were what she made, and what she abided by? She said they were. Nothing now remained but for her to dispose of herself as she pleased; but the Father first desired to have an Opportunity of speaking to her a little while in private; which Lord M—— thought proper to grant. Accordingly Miss W—— went with her Father, and the young Man, into a Room, where she staid in Conversation for a Quarter of an Hour. She then came again into Lord M——'s Presence, (Lord B—— and the rest having remained there) with these Words: It is true, my Lord, some Violence has been used to me, by Lord B——, and therefore I do not choose to return with him, but will go with my Father. Lord M—— to this, said, I own this is something extraordinary; but as I said, I would protect you, in case you choose to return with Lord B——, so Il now say, I will equally protect you, as you choose the Part of going with your Father. Therefore, my Lord, (addressing himself to Lord B——) you will not meddle with her, at your Peril. Upon this all the Parties went away; no Degree of Force, being in the least intimated

It is material to observe, that Lord M- took at this Time the young Man that appeared with the Father, to be the Brother of Miss W—, tho' he has fince turned out to be the Lover. It is probable, he would not (if he had known that Circumstance) permitted him have been present with the Father at the private Conversation he desired to have with his Daughter, as we may guess the Consequence that might ensue from such an Interview. For, its being made appear to a young Girl, the Nature of her Situation, the Character of Lord B— laid open in the worst Colours, who after he had obtained his Will, might leave her abandoned to the World, that his Lordship was rich, and could well.

with her, at your Peril. Upon this all the Parties went

away; no Degree of Force, being in the least intimated from the Girl, amounting to a Rape; and Lord M—

remaining thoroughly convinced from what passed be-fore him, there could be no Truth in such an Accusa-

. Mifs W is Twenty-four Years of Age.

make her Reparation for the Injury the must have received, whether it were with, or against her Content; that it never would be prefumed, that she willingly would have made a Sacrifice of what was most form and precious to her; but that it would be readily be. Heved that fone Art; fome Influence, fomething very nearly refembling Force, if not Force itself, must have been used to her, to obtain it; that were she, after what she had already declared, yet to accuse him of Violence, the Contradiction would only be attributed Violence, the Contradiction would only be attributed to Timidity and Surprife; and here was her Lover on the Spot who could then with some Appearance receive her to his Arms again, and stamp her an honest Woman by Marriage, whilst both might live easy by the Reparation Lord B—would be obliged to make her; I say, upon something of this Sort being represented to her, it is easy to imagine it must have its Weight, and will perhaps turn out the best Clue for the unravelling the troublesome Consequences that have since insued. the troublesome Consequences that have fince insued.

## ANNAPOLIS, April 21. TO THE PRINTERS.

I am very forry to find that none of the peculiar Favourity of APOLLO have exerted their Genius on the Death of that benevolent Man, Doffor HAMILTON.

It is certainly a Subject highly worthy their Pens.

The Lines I burewith fend, are the Jaint Effusions of a Heart replete with Gratitude for the Medical Services. I formerly received from the Doffor.

If they merit a Place in your GAZETTE, you will, by inferting them, oblice your conflant Reader. oblige your conflant Reader.

On the Death of Dr. JOHN HAMILTON. SHOU'D bounteous Heav'n this grateful Blaffing That, free from Pains and Ills, proud Man might live; In Death's cold Um, HAMILTON ne'er wou'd fleep, Nor wou'd his Friends thus fadly mourn and weep: Still, by his Art, Life's Tide wou'd calmly flow, And pallid Cheeks with new-blown Roses glow: And paind Cheeks with new-bound Robe glow: Still, by his Art, PANDORA's gloomy Train, To vivid Health, wou'd yield each Purple Vein.— Death, horrid Tyrant! deaf to a Mother's Tears, Thy Voice, thy awful Voice, aftonish'd hears; Stops his rude Hand—regrets thy pow rful Sway, And raves and groans, and quits his trembling Prey! Health, rosy Cherub! leaves his native Skies, And, gayly finiling, beams in FLAVIA'S Eyes, So, when Boreas, thund'ring o'er the Piains, Nips the foft Buds, difclos'd to vernal Rams; The blatted Cowflips droop their penfive Heads, The Snow-tipt Lillies languish on their Beds ;-The Snow-tipt Lillies languish on their Beds;—
Soon as APOLLO darts his radiant Light;
BOREAS, howling, wings his rapid Flight;
Wak'd by his Beams, once more the Zephyrs play,
And blushing FLORA feels his genial Ray.
The gay-rob'd Flow'rs display their gawdy Hues,
Unfold their Cups, and sip the fragrant Dews.—
To paint thy Worth, for me, alas how vain!
Such losty Themes demand Pope's nervous Strain:
For me, no Muse entwines the envired Bays. For me, no Muse entwines th' envied Bays, Friendship alone inspires these feeble Lays— While Heav'n-born Truth th' generous Soul expands; 'Mid Phoebus Sons thy Name exalted stands. While Virtue's 'Semblance Mortals deign to wear, Rememb'ring thee, they'll drop the streaming Tear. O! then let Peace and ever-smiling Rest, Attend thy hallow'd Shade—within this Breaft Thy Mem'ry shall dwell—'til th' cold Hand of Death Close my dim Eye, and Fate denies me Breath.
FLAVIA.

TO THE PRINTERS.

IS faid, for Wisdom, hard the Task, To answer all a Fool can ask; Yet the wise Man gives a Rule; Sometimes to answer e'en a Fool: To his Advice, Submission due,
An Answer is return'd to you;
In humble Prose, display'd the Case,
Plain as the Nose upon your Face:
For Person—Here Boy, bring the Glass,
And let us view which best will pass; And let us view which best will pass:
Or rather let the Ladies sit,
Judges of Beauty and of Wit,
By their Decision we'll abide;
(Ladies, of Merit, best decide:
To gain their Hearts, to please their Eyes,
Our sweetest Joy, our dearest Prize;
The Instuence of their Smiles to prove,
Man most excels, when most in Love:
Some Merit to my Share must fall,
Who deeply am in Love with all) Who deeply am in Love with all)
The brighter Eye, the fairer Face,
The streighter Form, the comlier Grace, The nobler Air, more gen'rous Soul That warms and animates the Whole, Are Points on which your Judgment turns: (The Heart with warm Impatience burns, Not less the Goddelless, once fir'ds Who to a Preference aspir'ds And lest the Shepherd to decide The Cause of Beauty, Wisdom, Pride; Who would not with his Taste have fell in. T' enjoy'd one beauteous as Helen?) But, no Advantages to take, Come, Clericus, Appearance make ... No blushing—but stand forth in View, No blushing—but stand forth in Vi Let the fair Court first judge of you.

A proper Man, as I'm alive, His Stature high, some Four Feet Five! His Head, like Poppies, bow'd to Rest, His Head; like Poppies, bow d to Reit;
His Jowls lie fwagging on his Breaft!
His Face how black, I cannot tell,
Unlefs it be as black as Hell!
His Eyes, not blear d with redding Books;
Good GOD! How very dull he looks!
He walks, just as a Saifor straddles,
Or thro' the Mire a Dab-Chick waddles.

Pants, to whom was referred the Determination of the sperior Excellence of the Three Goddesfes, Juno, Minerva, and Venus.

wis broken Hofe, his Hoftler's Coat, wis broken Hole, hi. Holler's Coat, Not all his Tatters worth a Groat; Neer did one gen rous Act for any da Bill, All Junez'd a Pen from Mora to Night, with Toddy i his Piegure Drink, and Gain his St

With fuch a Varlet to contend, With fuch a variet to contend, No Honour's won, and gain'd, no E 50 plain a Queftion to propofe, Would but arraign the Sense of thos Who Nature's choicest Gifts inherit, And all are sworn the Friends of Me

TO THE PRINTER en multa res in Philosophia nequaquam 1 chaia sunt, tum perdificilis, Brute, q garni, et perobseura questio est de Ne que ad agnitionem animi putcherrima est gir ad agnitionem animi paria.
indam Religionem necesfaria.
Cic.

OF all the Comforts which the gre-bestowed upon Mankind, the early of delightful; for what can more ean the contant Exercise of our ratio than the constant Exercise of our ration contemplating the Attributes of an Altribute Power is guided by universal Bertage upon Earth can be more heavenly of this Sort, where Gratitude leading of this Sort, where Gratitude leading, and the Wings of Hope and Peschae, and the Wings of Hope and Peschae Religion does not consist in extensive deficient of available from the property of Ecclesiatical Ceremonies, fram of sacerdotal Grimace, the uninter differential Riddles, but in a fure 1 Historical Riddles, but in a pure cance to the Will of him, who create to co-operate in the univerfal Harmon n co-operate in the universal Harmon These Thoughts form us betimes to the state, and open the Heart for the Reckhal Family of Charity. Here Contier Throne, supported by Reason and Happiness, her Ostspring, essues her discound the Scene. But what compose Prinsarat? A far different Group of the state, mental Perturbation, Fear, Avanualize; and I am inclined to think, if it the Assistance of this Demon, the r for the Affiftance of this Demon, the r for the Affiltance of this Demon, the rivy of Mankind to Good, is so great, it by of Mankind to Good, is so great, it metable Cruelties, which stain the Ann There is nothing so barbarous, nothin an Priesterast can convert into Duty Holy Writ, that 'twas a Religious Ce Priests of Moloch, to sacrince Ch Deity; and numberless are the Passa Writers of the bloody Effects of Paga Writers of the domestic Calamities, Injuries, Inj files all the domestic Calamities, Injuralities of private Life; and all these a falle Opinions, the Perpetrators, under Welves in Sheep's Cleathing, entertained For as it is natural to imitate the Obj for as it is natural to imitate the Obj miration, if he was painted by their Pi ful, laful, malignant Being, 'twas no V turies follow'd the high Example, and b to farted in all Kinds of Wickedness. was the Heathen Jove, who accord Legends of ancient Paganism, began dethroning his Father, and made it continual Scene of Incest, Adultery, a continual Scene of Incest, Adultery, at the most flagrant Insamy. A very p Advantion! Plate, the great Light World, in the Dialogue entitled Eutry a Man going to prosecute his own Fath reproved by Socrates for his Implifier, ath it acknowledged by all Men to the Godi, bound his Father in Chains for Inform which he inserted, it was law him to do so too. Terence reprove to the conduction of the Country, in meties, by making a young Debauchee own Conduct by the Example of Jupit Animus gas.

Animus gau
Deum sesse in hominem convertisse, atque
Veuise clanculum per impluvium.
At quem Deum? qui templa Cæli sonit.
Ego bowuncio boc non sacerem? Such no Doubt will ever beathe con Reasoning of those, who, willing to their Desires, greedily catch at every P by the Example of those, who are und gations to the strictest Purity of Behavamples of Priests have therefore a very on the general Manners of a People preach up Temperance, Probity, Chaff no Effect will their Precepts have, w Conduct may be trac'd from Debauche fligacy and Malice. And hence the p Minister is entitled to the highest Ven ferves to be rank'd among the most speciable Characters of human Soci profligate, worldly-minded, malignan the Object of Detestation, the Dilg Order, and the Bane and Scourge of mitted to his Care. But let us not judices against the facred Function Members of the Prielthood act un Members of the Prielthood act un wou'd be as abfurd as to deery the Abecause Quacks and Mountebanks World. No Institution is justly acceptable of it.—The purest Reliever knew, hash been made the innormost horrid Insquities, and the Design have too much prevailed, under the rof its divine Precepts. One wou'd in were endeavouring to fulfil literally, Jounder prophecied figuratively, The come to fend Peace on Earth, but a Save vage Spirit of priestly Domination Is vage Spirit of prieftly Domination I practically verify'd this Sentence, ar Temple of Pince idto the Den of Defl pugnant a Proceeding this to shole of one, which form the finest System of kind ever was acquainted with, incuborhearance, Mercy, and, above all