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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11, 1768.

The following PIECE was offered to Mr. GODDARD, Printer of the PENNSYLVANIA CHRONICLE, and the Receipt of it acknowledg'd; but, as he has not thought fit to publish it, I must beg the Favour of a Place for it in your GAZETTE, and you'll oblige,

A C U S T O M E R.

CUMBERLAND County, September 10, 1768.

THE ingenious MACHIAVEL * hath lately bestowed upon the Public some very entertaining and instructive Pieces; but, tho' all must, at Bottom, admire his Modesty, Candour, liberal Sentiment, Penetration, and extensive Erudition, yet have some carping Critics invidiously accused him of Plagiarism, and charged him with the most contemptible Ignorance, even of the Author's Meaning, from whole Works he has most unconscionably purloin'd. How just is SWIFT's Observation, that "Censure is the Tax a Man pays to the Public, for being EMINENT!"

UPON what Ground, I would ask, has this heavy Charge been made? Why, merely, forsooth, on this slight Circumstance, that in the MACHIAVELIAN Pieces, some Resemblance of SWIFT's "Discourse of the Contests and Diffensions between the Nobles and the Commons, in ATHENS and ROME, &c." is discoverable in the Illustrations and Style, in the historical Deductions, and political Reflections. But, notwithstanding this Objection to the Originality of our MACHIAVEL, I shall not scruple to affirm, that the Similarity may fairly be accounted for, on the Hypothesis of a Sameness of Genius, an exact Coincidence in the Habits of Thinking; or, what by Connoisseurs, in the human Mind, is called a *Jumping of Wits*. That the Objection may have all the Weight that is due to it, I shall here present the Reader, in due View, with Extracts of the most striking Resemblance, and then submit to the Judgment of the Public, whether upon the general Rule, just mentioned, supported by some Observations I shall occasionally intersperse, my Friend MACHIAVEL is not fairly acquitted of the LITERARY FELONY, wherewith he stands charged—

S W I F T.

His MOTTO is,

Si tibi vera videtur Dede manus, et si falsa est accingere contra. LUCRET.

P A G E 55.

Quod procul a nobis flectat fortuna gubernans Et ratio potius quam res persuadeat ipsa—

M A C H I A V E L.

His MOTTO to LETTER III, is,

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L E T T E R II.

Quod procul a nobis flectat fortuna gubernans Et ratio potius quam res admoneat ipsa—

Here it is objected by the little Spirit of Cavil, that the Display he makes of his Learning, is fraudulent, and that his Quotations are not drawn from the Fountain-head, but at Second-hand, from SWIFT; in Proof whereof they alledge sundry Passages, which they roundly assert, are purloin'd from the same Author. But here they would palm upon us the puerile Sophism of a *Peccatis principii*; for they take for granted, he has stolen the Passages in question, and thence infer, he has pilfer'd the Quotations also; whereas I, who reason in the gentle candid Spirit of genuine Criticism, assume, as a Principle, the Integrity of his Dealings in the Instances mentioned, and then conclude, that he came fairly and honestly by the Verses from LUCRETIVS. But pray, do we not see *admoneat* in MAC, and *persuadeat* in SWIFT; and does not this clearly evince the Innocence of the former, and the Futility of the Charge of Theft? "No, say these Grumblers, it is nothing but a Fetch of his Art, to conceal his Theft, like him, who, stealing a Piece of Plate, strikes out the genuine Stamp of the Owner, and puts in a sophisticated Mark of his own. He exposes his Blundering likewise in *Procedat*; for he makes poor LUCRETIVS guilty of a gross false Quantity, as if he were not contented to *steal*, but, like a FRENCH Robber, must *murder* too!—He a Scholar, and not know, that *mo*, in *admoneat*, is short! An Academy-Boy of 10 Years old, wou'd deserve to be flogg'd for such *Boobyism*!" This indeed is a merry Objection, as if so fine a Genius shou'd be exercised in the minute Speculations of Dactyles and Spondees, shou'd be scanning of Verses, and measuring Feet upon his Fingers and Thumb, like a sniveling School-Boy.—A worthy Employment truly, for a Man who is so justly conscious of the Profundity of his Skill in Politics, as to assume, with perfect Propriety, the Name of MACHIAVEL. But not to dwell longer upon such idle Cavils, let us proceed with the Extracts:—

* Several virulent Papers against AMERICA, have lately appeared in the Pennsylvania Chronicle, signed MACHIAVEL, the first of which begins thus: "As AMERICA has thrown off all kind of Allegiance to GREAT-BRITAIN, i. e. denied the Authority of King, Lords, and Commons; I have been revolving in my Mind, what kind of Government is most likely to take Place, on this universal Defection."

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RICHARD WELLS.

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JOHN SCOTT.

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JAMES REID.

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