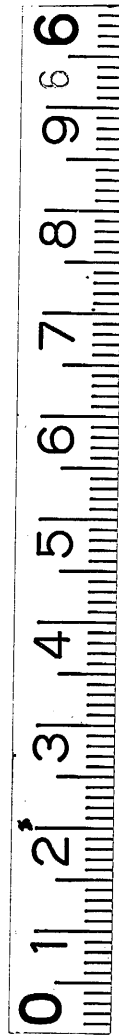


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THE  
*Devil drove out of the Warping-Bar ;*  
OR, THE  
**Snap-Reel Snap'd.**  
Shewing the  
**MADNESS**  
OF THE  
**WEAVERS,**  
AND THE  
Folly and Barbarity  
OF THE  
**CLOTHIERS**  
In the WEST.

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*The Devil drove out of the  
Warping-bar, &c.*

SIR,

**T**HE Pamphlet you sent me, intitled, *The Rise and Progress of the Devil in the West*, acting his several parts in the *Weavers, and Clothiers*, I have but lately received; and, when I shall have compared them *both*, to the Herd of Swine, which his *Worship* long ago desired to enter into, as being a *Sett of Animals*, fit only for his *Diabolical Honour's Habitation*; I shall take the liberty to assure you, None, but *such Creatures*, could so effectually

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make the *Devil* to do amongst 'em; as they have done amongst each other.

This being premised, I will, with equal liberty with your Author, scan over that part of it, which carries *base and vile Reflections*, on their *Superiors*; (For you must note, this is the Composition of a *Legion*; not of a single Son of *Darkness*.) I then will make Remarks, on what is more particularly remarkable, and pass over what is *mean*, and *scurrilous*, as Dirt thrown, that drops when it's dry, and only sticks, long enough to shew the *Invidiousness* of the Caster.

I find the Author, or rather Publisher, (who as yet, by what name soever his Devilship is distinguished, I can't learn;) levels his Artillery against *two Gentlemen*, whose Names he dares not mention, but under the *seditious ones*, of *Messieurs Intimidate, and Start-up*; and makes it a matter of great Wonder, that these Gentlemen, (supposed to be some time since highly irritated against each other;) should now unite, to keep *Fools* and *Knaves* in order; quite forgetting, that they were ever united in Duty, to do Justice, tho'

tho' they might in some points, disagree in Opinion: but that being set right, their Union for the publick Good must be continued.

As to *Intimidate's* valuing himself upon the *Noble Blood* which runs in his Veins, any otherways, than as it is an *Honour*, to be descended from *Noble Ancestors*, the Author is much mistaken, tho' the *Sett of People*, in whose behalf he seems to draw his Quill, should remember, that, very propably it is to part of *that same Blood*, they are obliged, for their very Beings; if they will but call to mind, that it sprung from a *Castle*, just by 'em, and I have heard it with good reason declared, that Sir *Edward Hungerford's* Kitchen, train'd up and fed, many a poor Boy of *Bradford*, who after passing the *Snap-reel*, and Warp'd at the *Long-bar*, in due time became a topping *Clothier*. Do not we see a Baker's, and Malster's Sons, by the help of that *Instrument*, daily set up for Gentlemen.

The Reflection on *Start-up*, I think is mean and poor; since taking it in what sense you please, if designed for a Satyr, 'tis a very just one upon those *Gentle-folks*,

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folks, and their mean Original, whom he endeavours to aggrandize ; it being very plain, that their *Extract* is much upon the same level ; with this difference only, that some of these *Up-starts* Ancestors have accumulated their Riches and Gains, by the *Woad-iours* way of robbing their Neighbours ; (pardon me if I do not spell the Word right,) whilst *He*, and his *Father*, have made themselves much above these *Nest-defilers*, by --- honest, and uncorrupt methods in their Dealings. Whether *Intimidate's* Noddle, is or ever was turned, by the --- Velocity of *Noble Chible*, is what I shall not pretend to determine ; but will leave that to the World, and the knowledge of his Neighbours ; who, I find upon Inquiry, inform me, that he has acted his part, in every Station of Life, quite the Reverse, and never in the Seat of Justice, or elsewhere, has shewn himself the *Sot*, *Fool*, or *Mad-man* : Nor was he ever *Ideot* enough, to supersede the *Authority* of his Equals, especially, when he had no cognizance of the Complaint. And now I am upon the Topick of Madness, I can't help calling to mind, the mad Folks in *Bedlam* ; who think all Spectators, (that with the deepest concern are surveying these

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these poor Creatures Miseries,) are equally as mad as themselves ; tho' we all know, they are shut up there, for that miserable Affliction ; *Quos Deus vult perdere, prius dementat* : And really that seems to me, to be the *Fate* of the *Clothiers*, in and about *Bradford*.

If the Author of this same *Doughty Piece*, would remember, that *Machia-vel*, or some such *pestiferous Writer*, advises all *Rogues, Villains and Knaves*, to make their defence by Recrimination, and Retort, out of meer pity, to his *equiculpable* Friends, he should have spared his Quotation ; tho' as he has introduced it, 'tis Nonsense. What *Redress* indeed can the poor *Weavers* expect ? since such *Barbarous Wretches* as these, like *Egyptian Task-Masters*, have resolutely united, to fall their *Wages*, load them with intolerable *Weight*, and starve them by *Stoppages* ; if the Magistrates by lawful *Summons's*, did not now and then convene before them, these insatiable *Leeches* ; and put some stop to their *blood-sucking* Practices ? And, as to the *Number of Warrants*, granted by *Intimidate* for that good purpose ; it plainly shews, what

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a *Multitude* of these *vile Oppressors*,  
inhabit about *Bradford*.

If your Author had began his *Æra* of these Tumults, from the *Cabal of Clothiers*, which met at *Bradford*, about a year ago, to form Applications to the Parliament, with a design of *Incorporating* themselves; that as a *Phalanx*, they might with greater strength bear down the already *oppressed* Manufacturers: He had fixed the time of its commencement right. 'Twas then, Sir, the poor *Weavers* saw the impending Cloud look black and dismal o'er their heads; 'Twas then they applied to *Intimidate*, and *Start-up*, for help, who always cautioned them, against any *violent* Acts, towards doing themselves Justice; 'Twas then *Intimidate* told them, the *Caballers* were *silly Fellows*, and that their Designs smelt so strong of a *Monopoly*, never to be hearkened to by the Legislature; 'twas then he told them, He would *stand by them*, as far as the Law, Justice, and his Authority, would admit. And 'twas from that time, the *Wolves* in super-fine Sheeps clothing, *half English half Spanish*, would fain persuade the World, that *Intimidate* was working up the *Weavers*,

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*vers*, to be such *Fools*, and *Madmen*, as they afterwards appeared to be.

The Familiarity I have with *Intimidate*, authorizes me to assure you, that the *Coach and six*, made mention of, nor its *Owner*, ever gave him any uneasiness, except it was upon this account; when reflecting, that if every *poor Wretch*, was to have his *share*, which had been *extorted* from him, to form that same *Equipage*, there would hardly be left the value of a *Cart*, and *single Horse*, to convey his *Worship*, with decency, to the *triple Tree*. And to be plain with you, he has often told me, 'twas to him a matter of surprize, that such a *Vehicle* with its *&c.* could get *thither*, except only that, which some time ago belonged to a certain *Factor*, and, as the story goes, drawn by six honest *short-barr'd Clothiers*, Beasts of Burden, and adapted to lug about your *London Draper-mungers*.

I shall pass over the *Historical Account*, of the *Marches* and *Counter-Marches* of the *Weavers Mobb*, (for there was a *Clothiers Mobb*, also, and very passive People, as you'll imagine, by their not being so much as mentioned in the

Pamphlet ; of which by and by,) and at present, can with *assurance* inform you Sir, that when *Quaker Hurst* of *Melksham*, and others of that *sanctified Tribe*, made application to the Magistrates at *Chippenham* for *Justice*, not one of them would give regular and legal Evidence by way of Information, of any Fact committed, nor so much as *name* the Partys *criminal*; whereby the *King's Justices*, might have done what was requisite, according to the Rules of Law, in the administration of Justice: but with an *uncommon* freedom, demanded a party of Dragoons, to put a stop to those violences, of which they would give no manner of legal Evidence. And tho' their Request was *immediately* complied with ; (for *Intimidate* drew up the Order,) your *impudent* Scribler charges the Magistrates, with a *backwardness*, in giving orders to the Troops, for that purpose, then under their command.

But what will not such *Creatures* do? who would fain be deemed, the *bumble* and *meeke* upon Earth, and yet none have appeared more *inhumane* and *barbarous* in this Affair, than these *Yea-and-Nay-Gentlemen*, towards the  
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poor Manufacturers; or more *Impudent* and *Insolent* towards the Magistrate. If the two Pieces the Author mentions, to have been Published by *Intimidate*, are that inserted in the *Gloucester Journal*, Number 262. and part of his *Charge*, fol. 55. which, I think, runs thus, *viz.* " 'Tis become a common practice, especially amongst some of those concern'd in the Woollen Manufacture, to impose Rules and Laws on the Poor they employ, and to erect Courts of Justice in every Shop and Wool-lauf, &c." I say, Sir, if these are what your Author refers to, the *Clothiers* are beholden to him for the first, and in the other, he has acted the part of an *unintimidated* Magistrate, by laying before the Grand Jury, a Practice of a highly *criminal* Nature; and it is certainly true, what he therein says, " That such *Practices* are insulting the Laws, and the Supream Administrator, under whom they act; overturning and tearing up the Government by the Roots, and introducing the worst of Ills, Anarchy and Confusion."

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As I met with the *Bashaw* of *Bradford's Coach* and *Six* in my Way, more than once (and sometimes the *Son* of a *Sadler* in it) seemingly, as if it was designed, that the World was to know he kept one; I must again tell you, that *Intimidate* contemns such forced *Pageantry*, and had much rather go on foot all the Days of his Life, than ride in a *Carriage*, made up by such base means, as the use of the *Long Bar*, and *Stoppages*; the means only, by which this *Tooth of a Curry-comb* hath exalted himself.

'Tis evident, these *Sons* of the *Shuttle* (for *Weavers* and *Clothiers* are but synonymous Terms) know nothing beyond their *Wool-Lauffs*; when by their *Advocate* the Pamphleteer, they express an uneasiness, at being summon'd to give an account of their Knowledge, touching a *Scandalous Libel*, sent to the *Goaler* of *Sarum*, wherein the Names of the *King's Justices* were inserted at length; as if, forsooth, these *Upstarts*, because *Clothiers*, who for their own Gains only (without the least regard to the *Publick Good*) promote the *Woollen Manufacture*, and can *starve* the *Poor* when they please, or work  
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them up by their *Severities*, into *Riots* and *Tumults*, and then call it *Rebellion*; must be at full liberty to play their *Villainous Pranks* (to shake off the *Odium* from their own Shoulders) *with Impunity*, and not be subject to be called to an account for it in a legal manner.

What! Do these *double Draps* in Impudence think, that it is allowable for them to *slander* the *Magistracy*, and make *Justices* of the Peace, equally guilty with themselves? (for I'll be bold to say, that it was *Hardships*, *Oppressions*, *barbarous* and *severe Usage*, towards their *poor Slaves*, which made them rise as they did, and no manner of *Disaffection* towards the *King* and *Government*.) Is it fit, that a *Swarm of Locusts*, shou'd dare to tell the *Government*, that there is a *Necessity* of *Garbling* the *Commission* of the *Peace*, and of a *Rotation* in the *Magistracy*? to let in, I suppose, some of those *Ignoramus's* into that *Honourable Class*; who know not the different Sense of the Words, *Command* and *Demand*? Is it fit that *Offenders* should tell the *Legislature*, that trying their *Disputes* by *Jurys* (easily pack'd and bribed) is  
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better than by the Laws by them already made, to determine their Controversies (probably raised by their own Severities) in a speedy and summary Way; the easiest, and least expensive to the Poor? Is it fit, that *Delinquents* should be suffered, to call doing Justice to the Poor, Oppressing the Rich; and is it fit, that your *lying Pamphleteer*, should be admitted to tell the World, that the Magistrates were backward in giving Orders to the Troops, to suppress the *Riots*? &c. when 'twas well known, the *Commanding Officer* was uneasy at *their* Forwardness in that Particular, and complain'd of harrassing the Horses and Men? I say, Sir, Is it reasonable and fit, that such *unheard-of Insolencies* should pass current, without a *Reprimand*? No, Sir, a *Pillory* must be their Reward; and as it has found its way to *Bradford*, it may shortly take a Trip *thither* again.

As it is well known, that *Intimidate* never proceeds in the Administration of Justice, but by *Methods* conformable to Reason and Law; so his Declaration, of venturing *All*, rather than Justice shou'd not be duly and impartially administered.

minister'd by him, is becoming a *Man* of *Honour* and *Quality*, something above that Gentleman of undoubted *Honour* and *Honesty*, who lately arriv'd from his Peregrinations at *Bradford*.

I do not find there is any difference in the *Principles* of the Commanders of each of the Mobbs; for your Author sets forth *Captain Merrick*, as being not long ago an Advocate for the *Pretender*; and I am for certain assur'd, that *Captain Brewer*, Commander in Chief of the Clothiers Mobb, was not many Years ago, tried at *Caln*, for speaking *Reproachful Words* of His Majesty King *George*; and they say, 'twas more by good Luck than *Merit* that he got off; and it is every body's Opinion now, that he is the *same Man* still; but whether he will so continue, after *peeping* through a *Hole*, it is very uncertain.

The *Clothiers* of *Bradford*, frightening us with Innuendo's, of waisting themselves over Sea into foreign Parts, and the terrible Depopulation that must follow by such a *voluntary Exile*; especially, if the Work-People (*they have used so very tender and kind of late*) should peregrinate with them; ought to



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to make all Mankind look about 'em, who value the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom. But really, Sir, for my own part, I do not dread any such Design; since it is my fix'd Opinion, that let *them* go where they will (I mean the *Masters*, since there's no fear of losing our *Work-folks*) the Kingdom, or Country they would set foot on, will be as glad to get rid of them, as we were some time ago of the *Palatines*; tho' for another Reason. No, Sir, never fear, they love the Land of *Canaan* too well, and know the Misery of *Aegyptian Bondage*, tho' never inflicted on them, to leave old *England* in haste.

And now, Sir, after all, if you should think I have expressed myself with too much *Asperity*; let it be consider'd, that I have drawn my Pen in the behalf of two *Gentlemen*, who setting aside all other Considerations, deserve the utmost Respect, and Value of all *good Men*, having steddily adhered to the best of *Kings*, his present *Majesty*; stuck firm to our present happy Establishment; and ever since they have bore *Authority* in the State, have *duly* administer'd Justice in every Branch thereof;

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thereof; especially in humbling *those* who have highly exalted *themselves* when in their *Lauf*—*y Tribunals*; and extricated *Objects* of *Misery*, from the barbarous and inhumane Treatment inflicted on them *there*.

I am clearing them to the World from the *base, false, and groundless Aspersions*, cast upon them by the Pamphlet, or rather *Libel* you sent me; and proving by undeniable *Records*, that the *Clothiers Mobb*, and several of their *Chiefs*, who marched under *Brewers-<sup>\*</sup> Cross* and *Banner*, deserv'd the same Punishment, as the *Barabbas* of the *Weavers*; and I know no one, more fit to match him than their *Bashaw*. In fine, Sir, by what follows in the *Appendix*, you will be convinced, that where there is the same Reason, there ought to be the same Law: And *Phalaris's* Motto to his *Brazen Bull*, made good, *viz.*

—*Neq; enim Lex est justior ulla,  
Quam necis Artifices arte perire sua.*

\* When Captain Brewer Listed his Men, he Cross'd their Backs with Chalk.

I am Yours, &c.

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## POSTSCRIPT.

I Am just now informed from my Friend *Intimidate*, that he has received one of the *Devils*—*in the West*; but from which of the *possessed*, either *Clothier* or *Weaver*, he cannot tell, it coming *Anonymous*: It is underwritten, thus; “ Sir, The Weavers “ are most of them brought to the old “ Price for their Work, and they curse “ you, and say that you was the cause of “ these Disturbances.

This is a Matter, not at all to be wonder'd at, since the whole World knows the Power of *Money*, and no body more than the *Clothiers*, especially whilst the *Dragoons* were amongst them; and not above a Mile from the *Court of Requests*, they have *feelingly experienced* its *powerful Influence* and *Operation*: nevertheless, the *ungrateful Weavers* ought to remember, that if *Justice* had not been done for them by *my Friend*, and the other *injured Gentleman*, they might still have been forced to make *Brick without Straw*.

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However, *Intimidate* contemns their Slander, and still designs to do the poor Creatures *Justice*, whenever 'tis apply'd for.

The Reader is to take notice, that there are other Informations to be produced, which will justify the *Magistrates* Proceeding; but I am unwilling to lay them in the light, for fear they shou'd too much expose the *dark side* of a very *weak Brother*, who out of pity to the poor Man, ought to have a Veil cast over all his Actions, as well out of, as in the Seat of *Justice*.

Besides, he is nearly related to one of the *Worthiest* Men in the Kingdom, who cannot but grieve at the unaccountable Actions of his *Esquirefied Cousin*.



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## APPENDIX.

Wiltes ff. *The Information of John Say of Bradford Weaver, taken on his Oath, touching divers Trespasses and Breach of the Peace committed by William Davis Jun. Nicholas Hart, John Lane and Jeffery Lane; as also touching his being falsely imprisoned by them and Edward Hylin Clothier.*

**T**HE Informant *John Say* maketh Oath, That about the latter end of *December* last, *William Davis Jun. Nicholas Hart, John Lane and Jeffery Lane*, all of *Bradford*, with divers others yet unknown, came in the night-time armed to his House, and by Threats and Demands forced him to rise and open the door;

door; and forcing themselves into his House, threatned they would do him some bodily harm, if he this Informant did not pay back the Moneys he had before received of *William Davis* sen. That upon his the said Informant's refusing to pay back the same, they hurried him away before *Edward Hylin* a *Clothier* of *Bradford*, who demanded of him this Informant, whether he would pay back the Moneys he had before received of *William Davis* sen. which he this Informant not being able then to perform, he was committed by the said *Edward Hylin* to the Guard-house, being delivered up by the said *Edward Hylin*, *William Davis*, *Nicholas Hart*, *John Lane* and *Jeffery Lane* to the Dragoons who kept Guard at the Guard-house; and the said Informant deposeth, That he was kept prisoner in the said Guard-house, until he could raise twenty shillings to pay the same back to *William Davis* sen. which was from about Two of the clock in the morning to after Twelve of the Clock the day following. And the said Informant deposeth, That neither the said *William Davis* Jun. *Nicholas Hart*, *John Lane*, *Jeffery Lane* or *Edward Hylin* produced any Warrant or other Authority for what

what they did relating to the Premises.

Capt. & Fur.  
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Anno Dom.  
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John + Say  
his Mark.

Wiltes ff. *The Information of James Helpps of Bradford, Weaver, taken upon Oath, &c.*

THE Informant on his Oath deposeth, That on or about the last Day of *December*, *John Lane*, *Jeffery Lane*, and others yet unknown, came to his house in the night-time with a Gun and Sword, and by commands and threats forced him to open his door, and forcing into his House, threatned they would do him some bodily harm, if he did not pay back Moneys which had been before paid unto him by *Samuel Lane* Father of the said *John Lane* and *Jeffery Lane*; That upon his the said Informant's refusing to pay it back, they hurried him by force from his house, and brought him before *Edward Hylin* of *Bradford*

ford a Clothier; who demanding of him whether he would pay back the said Money, which he refusing, the said *Hylin* ordered them to carry the Informant to the Guard-house; which was accordingly done by the said *John Lane*, and *Jeffery Lane*. And the said Informant deposeth, That whilst he was under Confinement, and tied back, *Samuel Lane* came to him, and demanded the said Money, and told him he should be continued in Custody until he would pay the same. And the Informant further deposeth, that neither *John Lane*, *Jeffery Lane*, *Edward Hylin*, or *Samuel Lane*, produced any lawful Authority for what they did.

*James + Helpps,*  
his Mark.

*Capt. & Jur' 24 die*  
*Feb. Anno Dom. 1726-7.*

Wilts

Wiltes ss. *The Information of Richard Hall of Limply-Stoak, in the Parish of Bradford, in the County of Wilts, Broad-Weaver, taken on Oath, &c.*

THE Informant on his Oath sayeth, That on *Friday* the thirtieth Day of *December* last, he went to the House of *Edward Hylin* of *Bradford*, Clothier, and asked him for Five Pounds and Two Shillings, being Wages due to this Informant for Weaving of Cloth and Spooling; and immediately the said *Edward Hylin* called two *Dragoons* that were in his House, and the said *Dragoons* came to this Informant, and asked him what Business he had there; and this Informant reply'd, he was come for his Wages. Upon which they commanded him to depart immediately out of the House, and this Informant went away over the Bridge into the Town; and as he returned, he saw the said *Edward Hylin* standing on the said Bridge, with a Sword drawn in his Hand, and almost

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 twenty Dragoons with their Swords drawn: And when the said *Hylin* saw the Informant, he said to the *Dragoons*, Stab that Man; and immediately one of the Dragoons stabbed him in the Hand with a Bayonet, so that the Blood came; and one other of them stabbed him thro' his Clothes on his Side, and gave him a Cut thro' the Coat on his Shoulder. Upon which this Informant ran back again into the Town in the utmost Surprize.

*Richard Hall.*

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One *John Marks* of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, *Broad-Weaver*, informeth upon his Oath, That on the 30th Day of *December* latt past, *Christopher Brewer* of *Bradford*, in the County aforesaid, *Attorney* at Law, and *John Marchant* of the same Place, *Cloth-worker*, came to the House of this Informant about Ten of the Clock at Night, he and his Family being in Bed; and the said *Christopher Brewer* came to the Chamber-door with a drawn Sword in his Hand, and threaten'd to kill this Informant, if he did not get up and go with him. And the said *John Marchant* stood by with a Cutting-knife in his Hand, and cried, Pull him out, Pull him out; and then the Mob that was with them broke his Windows and went away.

*John + Marks*  
 his Mark.

*Furat 17 die Martii,*  
*Anno 1726-7. &c.*

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There are *others* of the same Stamp to be produced, wherein the *Bashaw* appears to have exerted his *de-Facto Authority*, according to the Rules of *Hallifax* Law, and conformable to his *most eminent*, and *undoubted Honour* and *Honesty*.

I could lay before you several more, whereby you might be informed, of the Heroick Proceedings of their Janizaries, under the command of their Non-Commissioned *Captain*; but they are reserved, for another place.

It seems evident, and beyond all dispute, by — the *Anonymous Panegyrick* on the *undoubted Gentleman* of *Honour*, and *Honesty*, written, and inserted in the *Gloucester Journal*, from *Bradford*, May 8<sup>th</sup>; that *That* same *Honest* and *Worthy Gentleman*, in his absence has found out the *knack*, of making the poor *Weavers*, abuse their best *Friends*, and publickly to declare themselves imposed upon, &c. when not long ago these *Ingrates*, justly charged *him*, for ought I know, with being, as the most *eminent* Clothier

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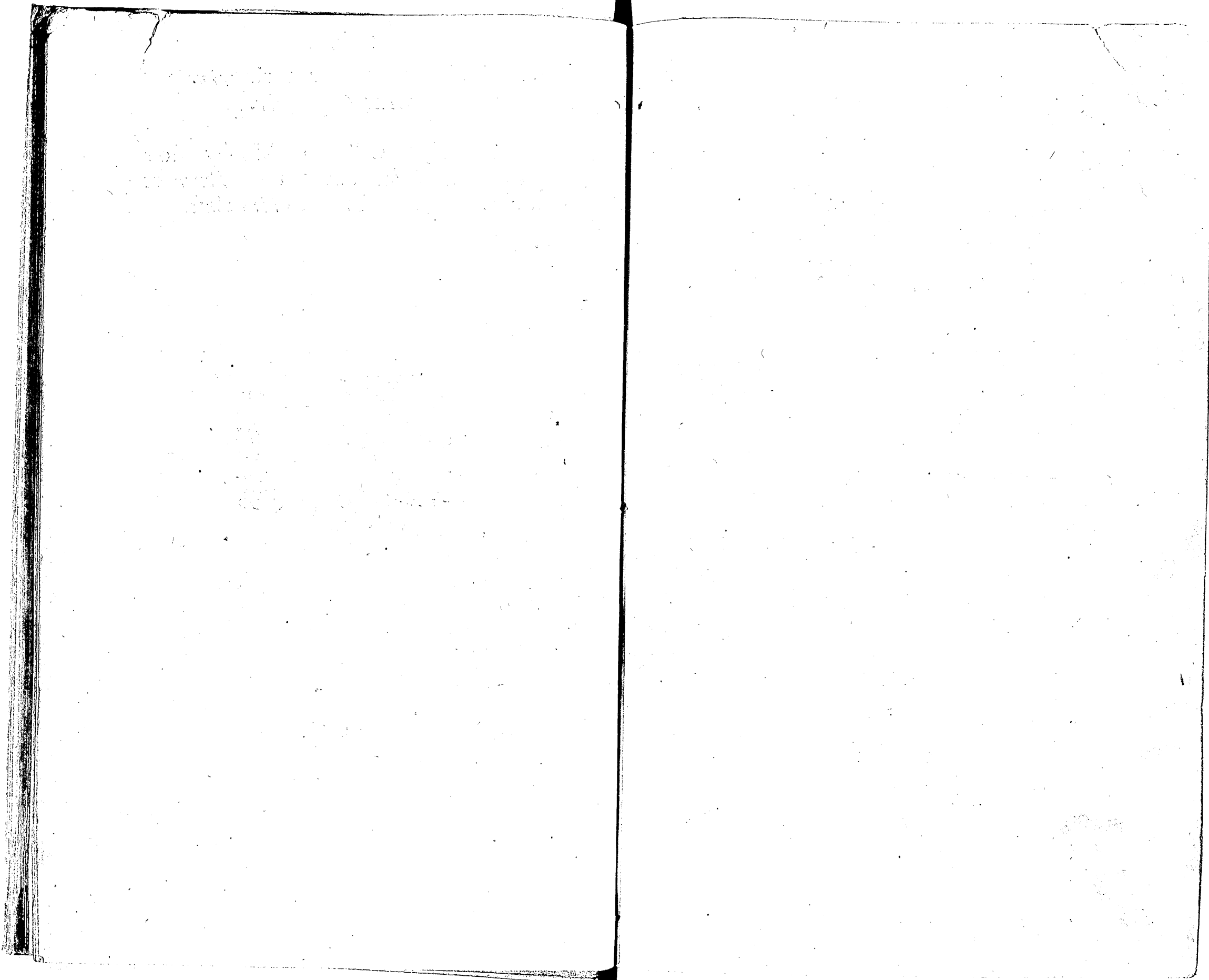
Clothier in the Country, their *principal* and most *eminent Oppressor*.

But what will not Money do? *Jonathan Wilde* knew the *Force* of it for some time, but was *bit* at last.



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