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Between the

Pope and a Fanatick

CONCERNING

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Advertisement to the Reader.

He Dialogue between the Pope and a Phanatick, &c. is a Pamphlet of such a pernicious design that I am sure all honest men will have the last aversion for it; and certainly the Author of it, whoever he be, must bea Man of the most hardened effrontery in the world. It is a perfect resolution to attempt the change of the present Government, by putting the whole Nation into a Flame, and, to be sure, nothing less than a Romish Constitution will serve his turn, that durst to write so impudent a Book, and so scandaloufly reflecting upon the King, the Parliament, the Church, and the People of England. This is to lay open to you the groffness of it, and to shew you the subtle artifices he makes use of, whereby to infinuate himself into the minds of the Easie and Credulous, and to gain over Proselytes to him: But, though all his aims are to raise heats and divisions among us, yet, I hope we shall be so wise, as to Counterplot his Stratagems, and defeat him in his Politicks; and the more He, and such Turbulent Spirits, that are like himself, shall indeavour to irritate and provoke us by all the ways they can invent, to Clashings and mutinies within our selves, so by degrees to bring us up to a Civil-VVar again, as in forty one; I say, the more these things shall be indeavoured by men of such ill and destructive Principles to the good of the State, the more we shall make it our chief business and Study to live in peace, and in Brotherly Love and kindness one towards another: This is the readiest way to dash all their designs in pieces and to keep our selves se-

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cure from the effect of their wicked and industrious malice against us, let us then take up unanimously the saying of the Poet;

Nulla salus Bello, Pacem te poscimus omnes:

and be quiet, in spight of all their vigorous attempts to make us otherwise, holding fast our Faith in the Established Religion, and maintaining a steady, Loyal, and constant obedience to the King, whom God Almighty long

preserve to rule over us.

I am to inform you that there have been two Impressions of this Dialogue, one of three sheets and a half, the other of two sheets and a half; and that none may be deceived, and think I have injured him by misquoting, I must tell you, I only saw the latter of them and I have follow'd those figures in directing you to him: And here, (according to Mr. Hobbes's train of thoughts,) I cannot but take notice how fast, and how many of such a base Pamphlet as this shall be bought up, when perhaps several others that are writ with truth and honesty, and a generous design to do the Nation publick service, shall scarce ever be inquired after. Methinks, it is but an ill omen, and that the Generality of mens minds want a good Establishment. But if we were but once well fettled, and firmly resolved, junctis viribus to oppose our Common Enemy, me should quickly see the plotting Jesuit would fly away from us, like a wild Colt in a pasture at the sight of a Bridle or a

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An Answer to the Dialogue between the Pope and a Phanatick, &c.

Hodg. Alph, How is't? How goe all squares in The Greetthis world? ing. Ralph. 'Troth, not well, I think the Devil's in the shuffling of the Cards.

Hodg. What, because you can get ne're a Court one to turn up trump yet?

Ralph. Thou say'st right, I can see ne're a good Face

in the whole pack for me.

Hodg. O ho, Ralph! thou must wait thy time, I warrant thee promotion before thou dy'st, if thou wilt observe my method.

Balph. Why, Ay, That's it I would be at indeed; but I want your pregnant parts, and that reaching, diving head-piece of yours. Thou hast got a trouling fancy. Ah Hodge! what a Prince should I be, had I thy Abilities—thy pate is just like an old Womans Leather Chaps, that have lost their grinders, and is troubled with the Palsie, so far, that it never lies still, but is perpetually working; and there's always some good coming on't too.

Hodg. Why, ye Rogue you, how dost think that is?—What an exreading, reading, man, has gain'd it — since this cellent thing
damnable Popilb Plot has been discovered, there have reading is.
come out so many notable good and bad Books on all sides,
that I vow to thee I am become sublime like a Philosopher;
can hold out pro and con with the best of them, and if I

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pleas'd, could make this pass for a meer sham plot on the Papists part, and effectually turn it over, and cast it upon the Presbyterians --- Ah, Ralph, The world should see with half an eye, i'faith, they were all in't for Cakes and Ale, had I but once a mind to it.

Ralph. Why, hark you, hark you, Hodge, is not the Popish Plot over yet? I thought only the Presbyterian was now on foot; we have had no talk of the other in our They'd fain parts this I know not how long. All our Fears and possés our Jealousies of late have been lest we were running post beads with to the years of Forty one, and those times; and I'm sure the years of that has seem'd to be the design of most of our Pamphlets

for these two Months at least.

Hodg. Nay, then I perceive thou understand'st no-79.80, &c. thing - why so things should be carryed, you Fool you, if ever people mean to have their Designs take effeet. VVhat! would you have them plot and rell too?

Ralph. No, but as I would not have them such Fools, if they were plotting as to tell, so neither ought they on the other hand, to be such Villains, such Devils Incarnate as to batch and hatch on, and in the mean time by fuch confounded lying Anticipations to make us believe they are innocent, and that those who really are so, are

most notoriously guilty.

Hodg. VVhoo! that's nothing with the Papists, -that man deserves a thousand Gibbets, and the Eternal Torments of a Spanish Inquisition, that won't lye and swear, Ay, and damn himself too, if he should be put to't, for the promotion of any good Roman Catholick Cause.

Ralph. O Lord bless us all ! you scare me-why, will any man knowingly be willing to damn his Soul for

the trifle of any earthly Cause in this world?

Hodg. Ay, Ay, there be thousands that will, rather than have their Cause berray'd what a goodly piece (5)

of bufinels is't for a man delignedly, upon a publick arcount, and for the sake of Religion, to run his Soul into For it is no Hell-fire, when he's fure to be catalogued for a Mariyr thing, the and Saint here immediately, and after a little frying with Pope can rethe Devil and so, not worth the speaking of, shall, with leafe them the least whistle imaginable of his boly and merciful Fa-when he ther the POPE, be releast out of those Torments, and Pleases. fent to rights up to Heaven, and made a seven-fold more glorious Star in Paradise? O Ralph, this is the way to gain well in both worlds.

Rulph. Much good may do 'em with their penny-worths, I will never envy them their imaginary Felicity my good Genius make me plain, hone st, and simple, I say, and let them be crafty, intriguing, and be damn'd, if they

Hody. Thou say'st well, and like a Christian, Ralph, and Down-right though it be an unfashionable thing now a days, this honesty very down-right-honesty; yet I had rather undecently go to unfashionable Court without my Perriwig, than I would appear there now a-days. brave and gallant, and be forced to play the doublets of a Fonathan and a Fudas.

Ralph. I think so, o'my Conscience — but prythee now, why dost use that Unmanly Expression; can no body be a Friend there, unless they are Treacherous too, and supplanting?

Hodg. Troth, hardly; that design greatness, and as the word is to make any considerable figure inwhite-Hall.

Ralph. Oh strange!

Hodg. They live by tripping up one anothers heels. He that has the largest and most mysterious Politick fetches in him, that can Countermine smoothly, and manage his own private designs with the slyest and most insinuating Artifice and Address, is most likely to be THE How Courtiman at Court.

Ralph. Then Courtiers are just like meer Peggs?

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Thousands will rather consent to damn them-Selves, than ... Cause.

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Hodg. For all the World: The One is driven out by the Greater Force of the other; and he's fast in for a while, till a stronger comes and bolts at him, and thrusts him out of his place.

Ralph. Good lack!—but well, as we were talking before; -must not we believe the Books that are every day coming out, and proving it to us as plain as the Nose on our Faces, that the Presbyterians at the least have two Hands and a Foot in This (that they call the) horrid Popilh Plot?

Somewhat ticklish to Speak any Phanaticks.

Plot.

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deserve it.

Hodg. I know not, for it's a ticklish thing to speak the least word that may seem incling to favour them. They fay, they have suck'd all their poison from the Jesuits, and are now grown up to be such Masters in improvement, that they out-shoot their Fathers in their own principles two Barrs and a half.

Ralph. Indeed so they are look'd upon, to be most pestilent Enemies both to Church and State.—But how far they are concern'd in this Plot, methinks, I can't yet discover; and, I tell you but so, if they are in't, they are the Devil and all at managing their designs. - That they should n't be yet once trapped all this time!

Hodg. Come, I knew not; it may be I may be counted one of their Flock in having so charitable an Opinion of them as to this matter; but I can't help it, and I must say, that nothing has been proved upon 'em yet fufficient to make me believe any such thing against yet prov'd to make Persons them: and to tell you truly my thoughts of them at believe they this present, I do believe, they never, generally speakare in this ing, (for you know there are some bad people of all perswasions, and let them that are so, whoever they be, suffer in Gods name, as they shall be detectmay they all ed;) I say, they never carried themselves more peaceably, and with greater guard and circumspection over all their words than now, fince the Noise of this most Hel(7)

lish Plot: But if any of them can be justly accused for covert evil Actions, in the least tending to the disturbance of the peace and quiet of the State, fiat Justitia, currat lex; I wish with all my heart, so impartial am I, not one of the really guilty may escape their deserved punish-

Ralph. Why then mark me: Thou art either very obstinate, and hardened in thy Unbelief, or else hast never met with those Pamphlets that I have read within these fem days.

Hodg. Ithink I am as easte of belief as thou art, of things that may rationally be believed: And to make it out to thee that I am so; You shall see, if any body can but half so clearly prove upon the Presbyterians, the third part of what has been fairly and undenyably proved upon the Papills, witness their own confessions after tryal, of a most Treasonable and bloudy design against the Kings most Sacred Person, and to alter the Religion established by Law, and to subvert the Government: I say, if any of all this can be proved upon them, you shall fee I will as readily believe them, as villainous Traytors as the blackest yet that e're have suffer'd: But do y' think I'll pin my Faith upon the Sleeve of every scandalous, idle Pamphlet, that is writ by some of their kept hirelings for that purpose, only to amuse the world, and, if it be possible, to set us altogether by the Ears?

Ralph. Is that their design? to divide us among our

lelves? Hodg. Yes, yes, that so we might do their drudgery drift of the for them; cut our own throats out of a complying respect Dialogue beto 'em, because we won't put them to the trouble on't -- Pope and a This must needs be the very drift and end of that most Phanatick pernicious Pamphlet that came out lately intituled, a Dia- concerning logue between the Pope and a Phanatick, concerning the the affairs in England. Afairs in England.

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Ralph. The very same Book I was going to speak of to you; I read it saturday night last, and it made almost my hair stand an end to see the abominable things the Phanaticks were there guilty of.

of England.

'Tis an afper- Hodg. The Phanaticks! Why it is a perfect asperling of all the Church of England, man: And though it seems whole Church to complement her, yet in truth it is only the more foully to bespatter her with greater fineness and subtlety: In my Judgment'is one of the most abominable pieces I ever yet read.

Ralph. How can all this be, fince it is writ (as he fays) At the bottom of the Ti-by a hearty Lover of his Prince and Country? Hodg. Ay, ay, the Title-page of a Book may now a dayes

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fay any thing, that's only to make it pass more plausibly; what Origen saves to Celsus speaking of the Egyptian's facred places of Worship, may be very well applied Mr. Blounts here. when you approach their sacred places, saith he, ye hall meet with stately groves, Chapels and Temples with magnificent Gates; also with variety of mysterious Ceremonies: But when once you are entred and got within their Temples, ye shall behold nothing but a Cat, or an Ape, a Crocodile, Goat, or Dogg, whereto they pay the most solemn Veneration. So look upon the first leaf of the most dangerous Pamphlet that e're yet shew'd its face to the world, and you shall find nothing but the smoothest and most delicate flourishes imaginable; but dipp further into him, and there you shall see ugly Monsters of Malicious fancy spitting out their loath some Venome to poison and infect the credulous: These persons very well deserve the same reproof that a late ingenious and noble writer gave a rigid Pradestinarian, affirming that God delighed (as our Authormust needs) in the death of Mankind; Speak worse of the Devilif you can, says he I am confident none can speak worse, if not of the King, I'm sure of Parliament, Church, and People, than this rancorous Dialoguer. Ralph. (9)

Ralph. Prithee good Hodge, let us take him in pieces a little, and see what he'll make then.

Hodge. With all my heart; but we have had of late so many Drolls come out of this kind, that I protest I'm quite weary of that Vein, and therefore I'll betake my self to plain English seriousness, now so much out of mode, and turnd to Redicule.

Ralph. And I'll as gravely lissen, as if I were to pass

the definitive sentence upon your Discourse.

Hodg. And first of all, to speak of the general de- The general sign of this Book; though to outward appearance it design of the seems only to rail against the Presbyterians and Secta-ed Dialogue. ries, yet in truth it is a scandalous Libel, levell'd at the whole Circle of the Orthodox Clergy; and, no doubt is writ by a hearty lover of the Tripple Crown.

Ralph. Of his Prince and Country, you mean.

Hodg. No, No, that's a Sham, I tell ye; you for- Papists can all get, why your great sticklers for Rome, can put on all parts for the all spapes, act all parts, and are fit for all employments, ing on any and think nothing comes amiss to them, so they can wicked deby any wayes promote their own Caufe. About two tigns. years ago, That Whitebread who was lately executed Whitebread. for being so deep in the Plot, was a mighty holder forth formerly a Preacher aamong the Quakers, as I have been told. With working Ralph. What! will they become all things to all Quakers. men?

Hodg. Ay, if they see they can gain any thing by the bargain - But as I was faying; the main design They'd fain now is to put an end to all further discourse of this of a Popish, to most accursed Plot of the Papists, and to Father a new sather a new one on the Presbyterians. They see that all sober mode- Plot on the Presbyterians. rate men of what titles or denominations soever, are fully

Id. ibid.

bent against setting up of Popery, and would all unanimoully join in one body, to oppose and down with it; as they themselves are vigorous one way, so these push Devilish hard the other, as their common interest does They dare not strictly oblige them; and therefore the Only course that's left 'em now is to try to break 'em: Now as it the Church of would be too bare faced publickly in print to defame England, for and cry out against the Church of England as it is estatear of the Kings utmost blished by Law, and would not only too notoriously anger against reveal them, but too highly (and justly) incense the King, be a means utterly to extinguish his Mercy towards them, and to awaken all his Laws, if not to sharpen them with new ones more severe, against them, they avoid that Rock, and content themselves But they get with secret whispers at Coffee-Houses, meetings, and other Clubs, where they will be fure to riggle themselves there rail at in and make One; there they'll tell them; "Well, 'em to pur- "we see plainly enough which way all things are go-"ing now; notwithstanding all our endeavours, Po-" pery will get the better on us; Alas! our Bishops, "what are they; but meer Romanists at Core, and the "leading Clergy? (and you know they carry all be-"fore'um now,) absolutely Church Papists: What "makes them, d'ye think, stickle so else to get into "Commissions and Justice-ships, but only that they "might the more securely hamstring us? We may "e'en very well (but up our Shops, and betake our "felves to our arms, for trading is gone, and every "thing else is finking as fast as 't can; we are in-"evitably ruin'd and undone, unless Mercifull Pro-"vidence steps in, and almost works a Miracle " for us.

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Ral. But hark you, can't a body easily find out such

a Black Dog Underminer.

Hodo. No, no, he layes the dawb of his Hypocrisse so thick, it is impossible to see through it: he'd go near to trick the Devil at his own art of baldernoing

Ral. Well, and I suppose this is to enrage the Secta-

ries against the Church men.

Hodg. Thou tak'st me right. Then they venture They print to print any thing in the World against the Phanaticks, any Lies in the and rail like the Devil in Hell at them; they care the Phanaticks, not what damn'd Lyes they invent, and bespatter to blacken them with, to make them Odious: they tell you them as much they are a hundred time work as they can. they are a hundred times worse than Papists, and especially more dangerous Enemies at this day; for a Roman Catholick, if he dares but to peep his head out, he's presently nab'd by some Zealously Officious Justice or other, and sent to Scurvy durance; whereas these appear like Swarming Locusts, almost covering the face of the whole Earth, and enjoy all the peace and quietness that any honest heart can wish for; but And always yet they cannot cease from Plotting; No, this proud endeavouring Reast 1 Hierarchy I must be brought 1 Beast [Hierarchy] must be brought low: No mess into the Plot. of par-boyl'd Popery, as a very ingenious Gentleman makes them call the Common Prayer Book, must be indured in God's Sanctuary, the Calves of Bethel and the High places must be taken away, and the work of the

Lord must go on prosperously in their hands. Ral. And all this is to stir up Commotion and Rebel-

lion, is it not, Hodge?

Hodg. Yes, Yes, to foment Fears and Jealousies in the people, to stir them up to mutinies and clash-B 2

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ings one party against another, and to embroil the whole Nation. But I hope God Almighty will so order it that none of these designed libellous forgeries shall be able to disturb our Unity. And I think, since the King hath commanded us, by his Act of Oblivion, to forget the actions of the late former times, it would us by the Act be put a piece of dutifull good manners in us to leave off forget things contracting our hearts with envy and Malice to each other, done formerly. by any (harp memory of what hath been unneighbourly or And therefore unkindly done heretofore. For otherwise it is but to renor to do so, bel against the person of the King, against the Excellent both against example and vertue of the King, and against the very Act; his Person and it self.

Ral. That was a very good Act, to put an end to all Differences and heats among persons, and to settle peace and love and concord.

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The King calls Hodg. Ay, Ralph, so the King thought, no questiit a Happy Act. on, when he faid, that happy Act was the principal corner stone which supported this excellent building, that created kindneß in us to each other; and Confidence is our Foint and Common Security. Therefore, sayes he furcommon Se- ther, You may be Jure, I will not only observe it Religioully, and inviolably my self, but also exact the observa-How inviolably tion of it from others: and if any person should ever have the King will the boldness to attempt to persuade me to the contrary, he observe it, and will find such an Acceptation from me, as he would have, how angry he with who should persuade me to burn Magna Charta, Cancell would be with who should persuade me to burn Magna Charta, Cancell any that shall all the old Laws, and to erect a new Government after my

own Invention and appetite. fwade him to the contrary.

Ralph. But why does he make the Pope and the Phanatick such Cater-Cozins? I thought verily they had been the most bitter Enemies one to another that were in the World.

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Hodg. O' my conscience so they are, the Pope hates The Pope and the Phanatick, as much, as we fay the Devil hates Holy Phanatick bitwater; he would damn him and all his Heretical Fry, each other. Souls and Bodyes of them, if it lay in his Power. They are the most termagant Creatures, the veryest Bull-Dogs that ever yet he grappled with. O, his fingers itch to be at their bloods! and because he would have the World hate them as implacably as himfelf does, he has taken this Course of joyning em with himself, and has given them ten times the worse face of the two : all this is mothing but Mafquer ading, if the could, to gain over the Charchrof England men to him. and to make them join in the Concert, of damning the Presbyterians to the lowest pit of Helle For if he cannot distract and break us, he will never overthrow and defrorusianilive acided ; book year

Rul. What then, you think the fober, moderate All moderate party of the Church of England, and the peacable quiet men are pretparty of the Phanaticks, are in pretty good Intelligence together. together?

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Hodo. If they be not, I'm fure they had need to be; for it is not the Papists calm, whatever their outward pretentions may be, only to purific the Church from Enthusiastick Phanaticism, but it is to The Papists cut off the Protestant Religion Root and Branch, so as it aim at the Prois now established by Law.

Ralph. Why all this while they would fain per-branch. fwade me, that it was only the Presbyterian Protestantifm that they aim'd to root out will alie I born wolling will

Hodg. You were a blind fool in the mean time then, It say their design is at Archbishop and Bishop, as well as at Jack Presbirer; Enough Land fleeves and Corcingle

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men shall meet with no more favour, when once they are uppermost, than turn'd up Eye-lids, and your endeavouring Saints after a more thorow reformation.

Ral. Why then, what will you make of this Dia-

loguing Pamphlet?

Hodg. Why what I should do, that it is a perfect Mock Cant and Juggle, a meer trap-flick to bang the Phanaticks about. You see, the very first leaf of him presents you with his main design, to trouble the Waters of our peace and quiet, that so he might filb in them the more securely and pass undisco-

If the Pope owns he's in sure he'll do what he can world believe

Ralph. Ay, but he owns himself to have a small this plot, to be hand in the Plot.

Hodg. Very good; but it is with this proviso, that to make the if he be found up but to the Ankles in it, he'll make the Phanaticks wading as deep as to the Lorns. I can is much more proceed no further, sayes he, than the first scene of a Plot, but I see Fate will reserve the last Act to be your part; and then he mentions his Miscarage in 88. the Powder Plot, and that he should have had no better success in the late Revolutions, if He had not been greatly affifted by his Holiness the Presbyterians in carrying on the War.

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Ralph. Yes, yes, I remember it; and he extolls of a High Court mightily his high Court of Justice above that damned cowardly way the Italians take, of Killing Kings by Poison and Pistolling.

> Hodg. Ah, Ralph, That's only to fling up more dirt on that party, they're fure somewhat will stick

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by it: but yet, methinks, there's one thing worth remarking in t, and that is, That in all these Treasons the Pope is in to purpose, and he taxes the Phanaticks but of this last, viz, The Death of King CHARLES the first; and God knows, that was too much, if it be true that they did take away his life.

Ralph. Why, do'st make a doubt on't, Man? Hodg. I can say nothing to it, for I'm not old enough to make a competent Judgment of the transactions then: but this I'm sure of, that the Nation This Nation simarts to this day for the sin of the Thirtieth of smarts deeply January in forty eight.

Ralph. Ay, ay, we have not yet paid the full 30 Jan. 48.

price for Royal blood.

Hodg. No, so the Papists tell the Church-men; though if some Reports may be believed that are in print, I question much if they had not the chief. hand in the Actual beheading of our Kings Father: but however, they have turn'd it off, like Crafts-Masters, upon the Presbyterians; as they would fain too this Plot, but all won't do yet.

Ralph. Why, That's it so confoundedly vexes them.

Hodg. True; but they do whatsoever they can to get em into the trap: Oh! they'd fain blow em Papists would up to a Flame; if they could but once make them fain have us rife, the work was done to their hands; but they our selves. find 'em such a company of Restive Curs that no trick or Malice can move 'em.

Ralph. Oh! they are all enlightened now; and I

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warrant you for their ever offering to rife, unless they should see the Papists fall to cutting of throats. once, and then I know not what they might do to fave themselves.

Hodg. In troth, Ralph, if we don't look very well to our hits, I know not how far they'll venture to it, for they're as busie Plotting still as ever; and if they find that mone of their Designs will take, who can tell what dispair and rage may push em on

Ralph. But If they should Kill the King at last, wo be to them. It is not said to the

Hodg. I know where you are, but, alas they they d'venture value not the Parliaments threats a Rush; No, no, if they could but by any means get the King once assassinated, they'd think it worth the adventure of a Massacre. And though they turn it to the Phanaticks, yet how daringly and impudently do they talk of another High-Count of Justice, and quote the late sad and dreadfull president for an Instance? and because we have had some of the Traitors legally try'd, cast, condemn'd and executed, therefore, for sooth, they would fain infinuate, we should not need to fear any want of Lawyers to plead for the Commons, and to arfor whom the raign the King. Horrid! The Scaffolds stand still at Westminster-hall Westminster-Hall, and who knows for whom they wait? and so he goes on in such bloody Parallels, that for This Dialogue my part, I dare not repeat em, but will fay this, very near to that if what he speaks there be not Treason, one

Treason, if not may go to a very insolent beight before a man shall

Radel Ord they are all calculationed now; and

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Ral. Thou do'ft very well, Hodge; for you know, though it's a Common, yet it's a true Saying, That some Men can better actually steal a Horse, than others may venture so much as to look on. I should as soon dare to take a Leap from off the Monument, as be the Author of that damn'd Book.

Hodg. Then he goes on, and fays, though he may remark the hints of Providence, or the signs of the times, yet he fears the event will not prove according to his fatal suggestions: and how there does he lash upon our Present Parliament, as being of the same Genius with that of forty one! One would think, were not he cock-sure that the Parliament should never meet again, or rather, that there never should be one more, he durst as well have set himself at the mouth of a mounted Cannon, as have discharged those base, reflecting words upon 'em; when how is't possible their tempers should be known, when they have not once sate yet?

Ral. I find, Hodge, thou'rt a shrew'd Dogg grown.

Hod. Oh, h'has abus'd the Parliament in I know not how many places of his Book, he calls them in page 8. the un-Educated Commons of England; and it talks at a strange rate of this

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and the last Parliament. Sayes he, pag. 9. The very Burre of Popery Will conjure up a Presbyterian Parliament: And in pag. 13. We are secur'd of a House of Commons of our own temper, for we have baffled the Gentry and Clergy, and are become the grand Electors of England. How does he laugh at our last Parliament, for setting up that pittiful scare from of a Vote, that, If the King should happen to come to any untimely death, they would immediately Revenge his Blood upon all the Papists in England? let me be hang'd if I don't stand like a Statue, when e're I think of his superlative boldness.

Ral. 'Tis an Audacious fellow; but so they are all indeed: for no doubt he's a Jesuit, or at best, the spawn and breed of One; but we shall unkerned the Fox afore we have done, and to all discreet and understanding men, make him as odious as he really deserves to be.

Hodg. I wish some persons, Ralph, would but believe what I could plainly demonstrate to them concerning them.

Ral. But you must never expect to convert all. --- But proceed.

Hodg. Well, I say this Book is all of an Entire Piece from one end to the other, wherein the Au-

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thor makes it his main business to take the Charge off from the POPE as much as he can, the more thunderingly to Clap it upon the PHANATICK.

Ral. What, this PLOT?

Hodg. Ay, of Killing the King, Cancelling the Laws, altering the Religion, and overthrowing the Government. Alas! he makes the Great God at Rome to be as poor a little harmless Devil, as a very harmless Whelp new puppied: But the Geneva Night-cap is man, the Phathe Roaring Lyon with him, the Apocryphal Spawn Devil. of Bell and the Dragon, the shame of humanity, the scandal of Christendome, the Plague of Governments, the Beast and the salse Prophet, and his Numbers are the Locusts that came out of the bottomless Pit, the perfection of Impudence, Impiety, and Hypocriss, p. 16. And so indeed he makes him speak all throughout, just according to this Character.

Ral. But is not this damn'd Knavery, to rail and bespatter so?

Hod. No, no; he that can't abuse and Policy to less lye for his Cause, never deserves the honour to sen the Republic be concerned in one: A Cause, Ralph, is a man's Enemy.

Mistris; and what, would n't you have a man bestir himself bravely for the Conquest? but beside, you know who says, it is a lawful Policy

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to lessen the Reputation of an Enemy by any way in the world. Stratagem is accounted one of the most commendable Excellencies belonging to War.

Ral. But to write so notoriously false ==== Hod. He knows there are Easy, believing Fools

enow, let him say what he will.

Ral. But, prethee Hodge, let me ask you; what do'ft think of that cruel killing of the Arch= of the Arch-bishop in Scotland? I could ne're well tell what land discours'd to make on't, but 'twas hush'd up, methought, a little too foon: And here the Rogue, for ought as I know, speaks the truth, when he says, He sees a Phanatick may Murther with less Noise, and greater Priviledg than a Jesuit. p. 5. Hodg. Who! the Case between that Arch=

Not comparable to the bishop, and their murther of Sir Edmund=bury=God= killing of Sir frey here, is no more to be compared than Chalk is to Cheese: But I don't love to revive old stories, or rake in the Ashes of the Dead, or I could tell The former you what I have heard of the Former; but however, he was kill'd by some private grudg private gruds for some Injury that they conceiv'd he had done 'em heretofore.

Ral. Ha, was it so?

Hodg. 'Tis thus credibly reported, but I won't affert the truth on't. But the murdering of that (21)

Worthy Knight was such a piece of Villainous Treachery, that it can scarce be matched in story on the Parish again; and so all the Judges, and indeed all plot: Scarce Matchable in England have said on't. And that was done story. to carry on the more securely this Hellish Plot; and they shew'd us by him, how they would have serv'd us all, from the King to the Cobler, They'd serve if they had us once but at their Mercy. They us all so if they could. are such blood-drawers as will give no Quarter.

Ral. But yet, let me tell you, they're damnable timerous of the last Parliament's Vote against them, and they dare not take away the King by violence, for fear of their own Bacon.

Hod. No, therefore they'd fain run us on to the times of Forty One, and so again: d'ye Fain drive us mark their hints? and all's upon the Phanaticks, as if it was only their Principles to cut off Prin-

Ral. He'd have the world believe so.

Hod. Ay, you shall hear how he makes the Phanatick speak. When a Prince devests himself of Royal Power and Prerogative by Concessions, and Condescensions; or when a Mighty Parliament have beaten or Dethroned the King, then to destroy him, is no more Regicide than to shoot through the

sign of the King's Head, or stab the Picture of his And to get Majesty, pao. 5, 6. To which the POPE combe brought to plimentally answers, Well, I will say you out=do the whole world in Politicks, if you can bring two Kings to the Bar in one Age. And the plain Enolish of all this, is only to vizar-mask the business; and if they can any how procure the Destruction of Charles the Second, (as no question's to be made on't, but that they had the greatest hand in the death of Charles the First, then to lay it wholly again on his now seemingly most dearly beloved Brother the Phanatick, if they should not be able to go on any further; or else (which And to fill they forely thirst after) to make our streets an A= with our own reldama with our own gore. But I hope God Al= mighty will defeat all such wicked reaches, or, if it must light any where, will let it fall upon their own pates.

Ralph. Amen, I pray God.

Hodg. Than to work he goes with a Cerunlucky Gen- tain Noble-Gentleman as he calls him, a person, Cross-bars it seemes, that out-wits them in all their Conthem in their trivances, and whom, I warrant, they wish the Devil had with all their hearts, for his standing in their way so, and plaguily spoiling all their mifchie vous intentions. But I wish we had a brindied of e'm.

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Ral. Prithee now, can'st tell who 'tis? Hodg. Nay, I bar the Dice there, Good Ralph. You know it's dangerous nameing of persons; but: I would he had blurted out this Gentlemans name, (ift had not been a scandalum) that we might not be put so to the guessing at him; and it may be miss the mark after all.

Ral. Well, well, but I have a lusty long

mout of my own.

Hodg. Keep it to thy felf then.

Ral. So I will; but do'st mind how he squit= ches the Church of England away too? calling it Their squitches that Church that is rude to the Saints, and will wor Church of Thip nothing in Heaven but God, and nothing upon the disguise of Earth but the King and his two Idols of Prerogative Phanaticks, to make them and Supremacy; those pagan Teraphins, to which, says the more odithe Pope, You and I will never bow; 'Tis the ruin. of this Church, that I do chiefly intend; and if the King falls in the Quarrel, he dies by accident, pag. 6.

Hodo. This is the same Haloo still: he'd. fain set us together by the Ears, as I have. told you, and then he'd come swimmingly in, and sweep away the stakes. But I'm apt to think his design there won't take for all that. Admit all that he says of the Churches Corruption: were true, which You know is notorioufly False;

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does he think the Phanaticks such Buffle-heads and the Church to Buzzards, as not to know that Gods Ordinances, things corrupt remaining for substance perfect and entire, ought not (which must never be gran- to be for saken, because of some faults in the Admini= ted) yet so strators, or in the way of their Administration. The mains entire Administration of God's Ordinances belong not to the for substance, People, but to the Minister; and if he fail in his duty, by Administring them in a way that is not fit, and it may be not so edifying; it is my orief, but his Sin. Hophni, and Phineas, were corrupt in their Lives; and brought in much corruption into the Ser= vice of God, and rudeness into his Worship: Yet Elka= nah, Hannah, and many others of the Godly did nevertheless attend that Worship and Sanctuary, 1 Sam. 1. 2. And much Corruption was crept into both the Doctrine and Worship of the Jewes, as also into the lives of the Administrators in the Church; yet our Saviour, though he still cry'd down their Corruptions, and would not joyn in them, yet he never forbad Com= munion with them in God's true Worship, but joined with them in all the substantial parts, and injoin'd o= thers so to do. And I hope so we shall all, and never fall to pieces among our selves, only because some of us cannot come up in all things to the height of the Church.

Rd. No doubt but we shall; and as for the "Furious

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Furious Zealots, (as Dr. Saywel sayes in his Original of all Plots in Christendome, &c. the Epistle to all true English=Men) "that mingle Religion with secu-"lar Government, and go about by violence bers of our "and bloodshed, to plant their private Opini- common Enecons, and overturn Kingdomes and States; mies of Mankind. "destroy men's Lives and Fortunes, Laws and "Government, under pretence of Conscience "and Religion; they ought to be subdued as "common Enemies to Mankind.

Hodg. Absolute Dominion and Rule is at the bottom of all; Religion is only the Guilded bait by which they indea your to delude People.

Rd. Ay, the Religion of the Papists is to have our What, the Throats, that so they may the more infallibly possess Religion of the Papifts is themselves of our Mannors and Lordships. But we here. are too much awakened, I think, to be gull'd by them at this time o'day. There are Posted within the Established Church, so many unconforming Ministers now, that we have, as it were, reduced many hundred Parish=Churches into Conventicles, and their Service and Affemblies scarce look like the Church of England as to the strictness of it.

Hod. Yes, and you believe him, I warrant?

Ral. Why, does he Juggle here too?

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betwixt Church-Men, them if possi-

Hod. He Juggles every where; he's a great Hocus Pocus man all over. He knows, a house divided against it self cannot stand, and therefore he puts all his shoulders to the work of dividing us: He not only distinguishes between Protestants and Work is, to Protestants, but between Church-men and Churchmen; and there he has his high-Ropes and lonand to divide Ropes among them: Oh, says he, (pag 8.) If any high Church of England man, wen he enters a Cathedral should pay the Homage of 'Adoration, if there be a Candlestick or an Eagle of Brass in the Quire, I make the world believe that he Worships the Brasen Serpent; or if there be at the East end some fine painted faces with gilded wings, then I perswade my Profelytes, that the bowing that way, is the superstitious humility or worshipping of Angels, which the Apostle condemns. And then, if He be a Gown and Caffock-man (which I hope he is not for the honour of the Clergy,) and any man of the Church be more peaceable and quiet, a less mettled Cock-Sparrow, and hot-spur, more Sober and moderate, than his fierce Worship; Strait he's become a Mushroome, an Unconforming-Mi= nister; a Conventicling Preacher that gains upon the people with his Spiritual Fancies, well - Sounding words,

fine Enthustasmes and Allegories, those prismes of Divinity. p. 7.

Ral. I find there's a great deal requisite to the right unde standing of this Man; but you scent him perfectly.

Hody. This, he things, is another successful stratagem to betray and Confound the Church: But he has a thousand of them; it is almost impossible for the Devoil himself to reach and understand all the

Finesses of one that is throughly Jesuit-ridden. Ral. Well, and pray what's his next point?

Hodg. Then he comes full drive to Popula- Popularity is rity; and (Oh!) what a sweet and excellent thing another great Stratagem that is. His first Act to attain it is a form of God with the Paliness, the only form he values in the world.

Ral Let me be a Jew if I don't believe him now, for I warrant he'll ne're come a near the power on t.

Hod No, he finds that a diffembled Piety does more abundantly serve his interest, (and it is In attained by a terest he only drives at) than a strict sincerity, lines. which is therefore justly called the simplicity of Religion: it wins upon the Vulgar, and the Style and Formality of Holyness, he says, has done him as much service in England, as it does the Pope at Rome.

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Ral. And what is his design with Popularri-

Hod. Why Ralph, his design with that, is. to set up the people upon the ticklish Pinacle of high Opinion: Oh! Liberty, Property, all is theirs, and what? Shall they give up their Birth-right Raising fears Inheritances? Shall they suffer tamely their dear Priviledges to be taken away from them, and become slaves and vassals to the Almighty Power of an Arbitrary will?

Rd. Prithee, Hodg, thou banters't now .--- Ar= bitrary Government! Absolute Power! These are the fick dreams. Caftles in the Air, the fick dreams. of Extravagant Fancies; --- Why, these sure are ne-

ver likely to down with the people.

Hod. Not down with the people? He'd near make use of them then. But he finds, he says, (p. 12.) This state Mormo of Arbitrary, Government does still fright the populacy of England, for they are unconsidering Animals.

Ral But not such Totty-heads yet, as to be

led by the Nose by him.

but one work, and therefore up both toge-

Hod. The Monarchy and Church of England, as they are now Established, he says, (p.12.) are but one work, and stand upon the same bottom, and therefore his great business is, to get the mine to spring (29)

well, for he knows then, both mist blow up together; Now you shall see what he does further to effect it.

Ral. Ah! go thy ways for a Cunning Dog;

Thou ripp'st him up most gallantly.

Hod. The Phanatick, you must know, He is to speak all the Roquery, to make him as odi= ous as he can to the Church; and he is to tell Pag. 8. you, that the High Conformist is only qualified What with with little Learning and great Immoralities, that Conformift is. he's Ignorant and Debauched, a great leaner towards Popery, and the Church of England is so well a wisher to it; that she's advanced within one And then the hours sail of Rome: To answer this, the high-flown H.Ch. of Eng. Church-man must retort, that he is an Abominator Character of a Phanatick by of all Cant and Tone, that he is not Seditious, Re= him. bellious, and a Petitioner; but as he lives under a good and gracious King, so he is not diffatis= fi'd at the present times, nor has he any despair of better. This makes bandings, fewds, heats, and This one great way divisions on both sides, and each becomes so stir up heats much the weaker, by their Separations; the and to weat half-witted Gentle-man (as he calls them) are easy ken parties. and credulous enough, and he can impose upon them what he pleases, especially in the fears and jealousies of Popery: To that if be should raife a Report, that

nothing of all

the Pope had by his Conjuring Power of Transubstant tiation Transformed an hundred I bus and mn into Rooks and Crows, and ordered, that flying A my to the Ears, or Randezvouz at Black-heath, and there to shake off their Plumes and appear in Arms, be is confident there are thousands would believe the story.

Ral. Ay, I remember it. But what a rank

piece of Impudence is this !!) and the many set and mis

Hodg. Olitis nothing with him, so he can but gain his reach, and that is two-fold, to make em mad by affronting them thus, and so he hopes upon that score they'l go to Fifty-cuffs, and then he has his ends; or, if that won't do his business, to make 'em happily increditous, and believe nothing of all this Plot, (as a recompence for their abready believing so much on't;) until they feel the effect light upon em, and top late to their own cost find, they are utterly rum'd and undone by such insensibility. And for the King, cast upon his says he, it will not require so much of the black Art to renden this King odious, as it did to fully the Reputation of his Father. pag. 12.

What high affronts are Majesty.

Ral. Oh Devilish!

Hog. And all this is to fet the People against the King, and to make the King angry with his People, if he can; and that point gain'd, Good(39)

Good night England. Thus you'see, the King and Parliament, the Church and People, I mean, according to the present Establishment of Constitutie ons are all as the one single mark at which he so treacheroully shoots.

Ral. Yes, I could not but take notice of his Their aim is irreverent speaking of the King several times, e- at us all, Kin

specially about his Parliaments.

Hod. Ay, in pag. 4. he has this unmanner- to put us into ly Phrase, (I almost have a Horrour to repeat mong our it,) the King's bold Proroguing and dissolving of selves. Parliaments: and again pag. 14. he says, The King perversly retains that Reprobating Power of Prorogation and Dissolution, and begins to learn how, and when to use it. Well, when he has said this of the King, on purpose to insinuate into him, as if this was the general Clamour and voice of the People, and so to stir him up against them; then he comes to the people, well, Gentlemen, here's like to be an end of all Parliaments now, for they won't do as the King would have 'em, and he is forely displeased with em, and therefore you'd as good ne're expect their sitting more, unless you could find out some new contrivance or other; and I know not what that must be, for my part. There's no course to be taken as Paidwy

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. Ibid.

I can think of, except you can distress the King, and bring bim into Necessities; That way perhaps may recover us our Parliaments, for he can have no money without 'em; and this is to urge the people into an Insurrection, and so into a Rebellion against their Prince, and then they have us at Forty One again.

Ral. I am sensible now they have planted their Batteries with all the Artifice and Cuming they could devise, but yet they see nothing can make

us take Fire.

Hodg. No, the Nation is resolved to be quiet,

let 'em Plot on to the Devil an they will.

Ral. Ay, ay, and though he sayes, he has already prepared the people for Rebellion by Fears and Jealousies of Arbitary Power, yet he'll find himself curfedly mistaken.

Next is, the Chapter of Petitions.

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If he can, to

Hod. In the next place, he falls upon the Chapter of Petitions, and there he sayes, though I would not have the Nation agree in One Common Form of Prayer to God Almighty, (for that would establish Unity, and that is Hell and Dannation to. him, and defeats his Stratagems indeed,) yet I will persuade all the Countyes of England to Combine in em, and half One Petition to the King for the Seffion of a Parliafill to divide ment. And wherefore is he for Zealous for this, which

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which would very much content many of the people of England, but only because he sees as yet the King does not think it fit (and he's the best Judg sure in this Case) for them to meet? So that he would have them be in the mean time, Tumultuary and Mutinous, Petitioning and Noisy, disturbing the Peace of his Sacred Majesty, whom (like Hail fellow well met with him) he terms, the Gentleman at White=Hall, in hopes that if the King (may I have his Pardon, if I use another of this Authors bold Words, only to shew his Impudent Irreverence?) Shall affront the leading Petitioners, the whole Association will be Obliged to take the Field in Defence of Liberty, Property, and Petitions.

Ral. Ay, ther's the Point he drives at: bring it but once up to another standing Army, and he'll be your most humble Servant, or what you will.

Hodg. Well, to equipoise this, he sets up ano= ther Party, and they Damn all Petitions to the Pit of Hell for the sitting of the Parliament; and I pray what's the Reason? Why he tells you, because that unless the Supream Wisdom of the King, contrive some more quiet or safer Method of Elections, He must suffer the Eternal Affronts of

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red to him.

Ill bumour'd Parliaments, The plain English on't The King will is this, with submission to better Judgments, That, if this be not, all the other Future will be Affrontive, Ill-humoured Parliaments to the King, and & ill humou- he must eternally suffer their Affronts, if he can't find out a way, to take the priviled of Elect= ting from those people to whom it hereditarily belongs, and invest himself with it, and make it become a peculiar Frerogative to him. Whether this be not a perswading of the King to an Invasion on One of the Fundamental Rights of his People I will not peremptorily Determine; But were his Ad- I do think, if the King should in his supream Wildom take this Method, the House of Commons no longer in- could never be right called the Peoples Represenjoy their right, to elect tative, and when ever they should go up to Members, but offer him any Bill of Supply, their Speaker could wholly rest in not say, The whole Commons of England present Your Majesty with so much Money, &c. as Now it is generally faid, upon such an Occasion.

the King. The Confequence of

that.

Ral. Why, all this is spoke by an honest Cavalier, Man, One that, as the Pope Damns for a Heretick, his Brother Phanatick Blasphemes for a Papist, but though the next Successor to the Grown should come from Rome or Leyden, he would (35)

never be a Rebel, nor should all the Power or Prerogative upon Earth, ever Oblidge him to be either Papist or Presbyterian: He is a friend to Bishop and Liturgies, decent Rites and Ceremonies in publick

Worship.

Hodg. Ay, but he is a Friend to all this of the Author's Make and Constitution. I believe a Right honest Cavalier, (such as he would fain have him Represent) would never have mentioned such an Oration, which he sayes vvas made by Mecanas to Augustus Casar, where-The Oration in he advised him to Assume the Monarchy, but of Mecanas to wisely suggested to him, That he should not make his cited for this sudden Passions and single Will, the Laws and Edicts purpose. of his Empire, but to provide a Graver Senate, that should be his Grand Council in the Important Affairs of Government, a Confulting with whom, would add Weight and Solemnity to his Imperial Sanctions, but then he added this Politick Caution (and this he principally intends, and hints at by this Story) That he should never grant the People that dangerous Favour to Elect the Members of this Senate (and it seems our People of England have had this dangerous Favour a very long time, and I believe would be very loath to have it taken a= way from them Now, vvithout some good

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and Ours,

substantial Reasons for it) For then, (sayes he) Your Empire will be exposed to popular Factions and Tu= mults; every Election will ferment the Humours of The Govern- the Populacy, (But that Government and ours, I hope, were not both alike) and occasion such Convulsions in the State, that you will never be secure of any Safety at home, or Glory abroad. The Application I shall not concern my self with.

Ral. No, it is easy enough for any one to make, without your further Expository Comments. But hark ye, Hodge; Do'st mind his Closing Touch?

at last a Phanatick Army was coming upon them.

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hast to their

Hodg. Yes, ves, he'd make the Court believe nothing less is coming upon 'em than a Phanatick-Army: And (says he) if that should prove Tryumphant, nothing can be expected, but the Extirpation of the Monarchy, and all the Loyall No= bility, Clergy, and Gentry. And nothing, o'my Conscience, at this day, is less thought upon by em, as far as any thing can enter into my Prognosticks. We do therefore declare, goes he on (right or wrong, he would have it so; and if he can't make the Phanaticks, he'll pretend at least, that he is able to make the Cavalier=Party rise; and it's all one to him, whither begins the Fray; for he is sure, either way to

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be a Gainer by the Quarrel) that we will speedily furnish our selves with Arms and Ammunition for us; and our Dependants: (Oh, this would be Sack and Sugar to him!) And upon the first Notice of And upon the a Rebellion, (if it be not of the Author's own first Notice of Raising, and Gang of Papists, I think, we have (which I hope no others to fear at present) we will repair to the we all shall do if any should Royall-Standard, &c. Here is Forty=One again break out) rejust, as it has been all along throughout his Royal Stan-Book: But since he has been so plainly detected, I hope we shall all as industriously make it our Business to deseat this his Artifice and Endeavour, in spight of all his Insinuations to the contrary; To keep the Unity of But I hope none of these the Spirit in the Bond of Peace. And "There his Artifices sure can be no likelyhood, (sayes the Ingenious shall prevail upon any of Dr. Saywell, whom you hinted just now: pag. us, to make us Mutiny. 311, 312.) "that the Government will be tempted to make any Laws of Indulgence, " or to do any thing, that may look like a "Tendancy toward a Complyance with their "Novelties: (as indeed the Papists Tenets are "no better.) For the Religion which they pro-"fess, is so linked to a Forreign Interest, that "there can be no Hopes of making any "Composition with them, without giving our

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"Selves, and the whole Nation, to be Vaf"fals and Slaves to a Forreign Power, and with"out great danger to our Souls and Fortunes.

"All the possible Deliberation about them, is,
"first to secure our selves as much as we
"can, from their Tyranny; and then to take
"the most effectual Course, to bring over
obedient to
"the Soberest of them to the Obedience of
"the Church of England: And it is the Du"ty of us all, to do what we can, toward
"the Securing that Excellent Church, and that
"pure and primitive Worship of God, which
"by the Piety of our Ancestors was first
"settled amongst us, and hath hitherto been
"maintained.

Ral. But, Hodge, we forget one thing all this time, and that is, we should make a third Man come in, and quarrel with us.

Hodg. No, we have talk'd too Honestly for that: But if we had been such ill Perfors to the Government, as the Pope and Phanatick were, I should have said nothing, if Mr. Loyalty had stept in, and reprehended us as we had deserved. Now, Ralph, for a Closing Sentence,

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by way of Advice, and thou shalt never repent on't, if thou sollowest it: Do but Read that Learned Man, Bishop Usher's Power of the Prince, and Obedience of the Subject, and sollow those Rules Religiously; and I warrant, thou'lt be a made Man for ever. And so, God b'w'ye.

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