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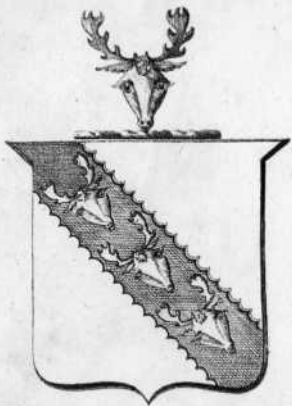
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THE
CHARACTER
OF
SPAIN:

Or, An

EPITOME

OF

Their Virtues and
Vices.

*—Adeo sunt multa, loquacem
Ut lassare queant Fabium—*

LONDON:

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TO THE
READER.

THis handful of
my Gleanings
I have here
scattered a-
mong you,
and if you judge them worth
the gathering, take them,
and welcome: if not, leave
them, and there's no hurt
done; For my own particu-
lar, I hold it less crimin-

To the Reader.

to sport away the tedious
houres with the dalliance of
my Pen, than to live be-
sotted with black Melan-
choly Yet as I am not of
Heraclitus his humour, to
whine away my dayes; no
more am I of *Democritus*
his temper, to laugh out my
time; but now and then to
unbend my self with mode-
rate relaxation, is my ab-
solute temper and consti-
tution. *Semel in anno ridet*
Apollo: The God of Wis-
dom is merry once a year,
and why may not I? there
is no reason to the contrary
in my judgement, especially
since

To the Reader.

since that no man I presume, wil be offended at my mirth, unless he be a Spaniard: Now how it may move his admirable choller, I am altogether insensible, yet I am confident, if he be but furnished with so much patience as to peruse it, he will undoubtedly like some, and that is as much as I can either expect or desire: I have here painted them with Spanish Wooll, set them forth in their own colours, as far as lay within the compass of my power and so small a Volume.

As for my labor herein, I
much

To the Reader.

much detest so sickly an impotency, as to overwean my self with a conceipt of my own Work; but if the truly judicious, who are ever accompanied with a clear perspicacity, and a milde censure, shall courteously receive it, I am crown'd: But if any left-handed *Pythagoreans*, (who compel the Pen-men of this Age, as they did the ancient Comœdians, to make use of Apologies in lieu of Prologues) shall sinisterly accept what is voluntarily and kindly offered to their survey, I onely desire that they may be endow-
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To the Reader.

ed with that other mute qualification of the *Pythagoreans*, viz. Silence.

As for the mistakes that I may here be accused of, if convinced of them, I will ingenuously confess them, and doubt not of pardon, since I have so good a Solicitor in the eye of any that are but moderately courteous, as my own infancy in respect of maturity of judgement. Besides, this will plead my excuse, the purest eye cannot discern its own blemishes, unless by reflection; the Moon hath her macula's or spots; *Venus* had her mole, and

To the Reader.

and all persons their failings, therefore for me to have committed no faults, had been to put off man.

But if any in the proccacity of ignoble Envy (occasioned usually by a despair of Imitation) continue to be farther contumelious, I shall pass it by, knowing that a little assumed Solœcisme will serve my turn; and I with a kinde of deaf contempt will pass by the outrages of their obstreperous clamor, undisturb'd. Thus you have my resolution, and now I have no more to do, but bid you

Farewel.

Reader,

THere is lately
publisht an Ac-
complisht Piece, viz,
Englands Worthies,
in 47 select Lives of
the most eminent per-
sons, from Constan-
tine till these late
times. A Piece worth
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R. Carter.

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THE
CHARACTER
 OF
 SPAIN.

TIS Nature's Sweating-
 tub, a Nest of Wolves,
 the very Seat of Hun-
 ger and Famine, a place
 where never any *Lotus* grew; for
 be confident no person that ever
 travell'd thither, desired to make
 it his place of residence; or
 when once past her bounds, was
 ever prompted by his fancy to a
 second Visit; for whoſoever goes
 thither may be ſaid to come out of
 B *Gods*

Gods blessing into the warm Sun, who is too too prodigal of his Beams here, which makes the Soyl barren, and but a defart, if compared to her neighbors, being like a Libbards skin, here a spot, and there a spot inhabited, swelling with huge Mountains and high Hills, which forc't a Gentleman into this expression of her, *Beati qui sterilitatem non viderunt, sed crediderunt*: Happy are they that were never so unhappy as to see the sterility of *Spain*, but to believe it onely. *Tis an excellent Countrey to travel in, for you shall scarce meet with Meat for money, but Sawce good flore, nor an Inne to entertain you; for the Master and the Mule usually lodge together, and the latter perhaps meets with better fare then the former.

As for the Natives, and first their Sovereign, he boasts that he hath the Sun for his Crest; but 'tis certain that most of his Subjects bear the Moon crescent, for all the strict Confinement of their Wives: Pride, Haughtiness and Ambition, accompanied with an imaginary conceit of their own peculiar *Grandezza*, are the Ingredients that usually go to the composition of a Spaniard; so that it is hard to judge whether the Countrey, or the mindes of the Inhabitants are most aspiring and mountainous. They are *Saturnine*, dull, slow, melancholick, and altogether speculative, aiming at no other *terminus ad quem*, then Contemplation, without afterwards directing or settling it upon any servile, inferior, or mechanick work or employment;

ment; so that you shall finde few natural Spaniards of any mechanic Trade, as Shoemakers, Taylors, Coblers, Joyners, Innkeepers, or the like; for which I call all Travellers to witness that go into *Spain*, and return offended, because they finde no Ale-houses or Inns upon the way as they do in other Countreys, so that they are compell'd to be their own Providores, and carry Victuals in their bags, and Wine in their bottles; for they delight infinitely in their imagin'd *Grandeza*, outward appearances and honor, not at all regarding their private interest, so that they can but create unto themselves the opinion and esteem of the world; and if they want good Apparel, and biting penury nips them, they will fast two or three days for a
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handsom Cloak, or a starch'd Ruff, and then strut it abroad in state; so deliberately do they measure their way, as if they said a *Pater Noster* or an *Ave Maria* between every step, and if he be so far stimulated by that Tyrant *Necessity*, that he must vend his clothes to buy him food, he will first part with his Shirt, because that with his Doublet & Ruff he covers the want of it; then if his needs increase, off goes his Doublet, covering his body with his Cloak; next his Sword; after that his Ruff, and last of all his Cloak, till he has never a one left to cover his pride and knavery, and this is their method which exigencies prompts them to. His pride, when reduced to the utmost extent of poverty, *viz.* beggary, is infamous; for he will

never confess that necessity, but some casualty or misfortune compell'd him to it ; as, that he was forced to cloath himself in these despicable weeds to preserve his life, and his honor : and thus to play the Fryar Mendicant, when he craves your charity, it shall be in these or the like terms , May it please you Sir, to do some courtesie for a distressed Cavaliero, that hath deserted his native countrey for such and such a mischance, and been constrained to shew himself in this misbefee-
 ming garb ; and when you are certified of the quality of the person that craves your Alms (as long it will not be) you will think your selves happy in relieving so noble a person as I am : and if perchance he that hears him, demands who he is ? he will reily,
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The Nephew to some Earl, or Duke, or Brother to the Admiral of *Castile*, and that some famous Princess being enamored with him, he privily conveyed her out of her Fathers house in mans apparel; which Plot being discovered by her Parents, he was constrained to absent himself from the place of his nativity, and live thus unknown, till by the mediation of his friends he were reduced to his pristine condition: Besides, he will boast of fifteen or twenty thousand Crowns *per annum*, besides eight Baronies, and if the person bestows some small piece of money on him, he throwes it contemptibly in the Donor's face, but afterwards looks for it very calmly and peaceably on the ground, and when he ha's found it, ha's the

grace to put up a *Pater Noster*,
 or send up some short Ejaculation
 for the prosperity and good
 success of his Benefactor. Nor
 do the females come short of
 them in pride or arrogancy, which
 may be sufficiently evinced by
 this ensuing Relation that *Bar-*
clay in his *Euphormio* affords me.
 'Tis a story of a poor miserable
 Spanish woman, that coming with
 her family (her three sonnes I
 mean) to beg of a French Shoe-
 maker , he being compassionate
 told her , he would ease her of
 her charge , and take one of her
 sons from her , and make him of
 his own profession , that so he
 might be able to get a compe-
 tency , whereby he might main-
 tain himself handsomly : She
 with a great deal of indignation
 replied , O Sir , God forbid I
 should

should cast away my childe on a stranger, of so mechanick a profession as yours is; who knows, but in time he may come to be Viceroy of *Naples*, or *Mexico*. So horribly are they puffed up with the timpany of pride, that they are the greatest enemies under the sun to their own preferment: Go but into their *Casa de Locos*, or Bedlam, and you shall hear one cry, *I will be King*; another, *I am Emperor*; and a third, *I am Pope*: all which verifies our English Proverb, *That which is bred in the bone, will ne're out of the flesh*. Nay, their pride is so infamous, that it is grown common, even to a Proverb, indebted to them for being so; for they have a vamping saying of themselves in point of valour, *Un Espannol son quatro Diables en Francia*.

One Spaniard can act the part of four devils in *France*. And when *Mendoza* was Ambassadour in *France*, he would often break out into this prophane Ostentation ; *Dios es Poderoso en Cielo, y Don Felipe en Tierra* : God bears sway in Heaven , and King *Philip* on Earth : So daringly presumptuous are they , as to make God their fellow-creature. Nay, your *Thra-sonical Castillians* will not stick to say , *Un Espannol vale quatre Indescos , tres Franceses , y dos Italianos*. One Spaniard is worth four Germans , three Frenchmen, and two Italians. So self-conceited are they of their own imaginary dignity and deserts, that they judge no Nation fit to come in competition with them. I will borrow a Story of one of our rarely accomplish'd Gentle-

men,

men, concerning a Castilian Captain, who used to express himself in this ensuing manner: When I descend into my self, and contemplate my most horrible, terrible terribility, I can hardly contain my self within my self: These Breeches that I wear are stuf with Captains Beards, and the Mustacho's of French Generals; my Pillow is filled with Amazonian hair, my Cushion is made of a Turbantaken off of the Grand Sultan's head, my Coverlet is the skin of the Nemean Lion that *Hercules* slew, my Curtains are made up of Colours and Ensigns taken in divers Battels: When I march into the fields, I commonly carry two Drums, as Pendants at my ears; I am lull'd asleep by the noise of Trumpets, and brass Kettles; and *Perillus*
his

his Bull strecht along, serves me for a Pillow : I was born in the moneth of *Mars*, who was then the predominant Planet, and Ascendant : I came into the world about break of day ; *Sol* himself then suffered an Eclipse, *Jove* and *Mercury* hid themselves, and *Cynthia* withdrew her horns for fear ; that morning it rained blood ; the streams of the greatest Rivers turn'd red ; *Mongibel* and *Strombola* belch'd forth more fire then ordinarily : Near the place I was nurs'd in, there was a Den of Lions, that I might be mur'd to their roaring ; and one time my mother caused a young Cub to be slain, on purpose to feed me with the blood thereof. To conclude, I am that invincible, transcendent, great Captain *Basilisco Espheramonte*, Genera-
lissimo

lissimo of all the Militia of *Europe* : I am he that useth to swallow Mountains, breathe Whirlewindes, spit Targets, and sweat Quick-silver : I believe all the Notaries in *Biscay*, in three years space cannot cast up those miraculous Atchievements, which I the Scourge of *Lutherans*, Converter of Pagans, and Peopler of Church-yards, have performed, &c.

Would not any one imagine that *Ovids* ghost were rambled hither, and by a Pythagorean Metempsychosis transmigrated into this Person, all that opposeth this conjecture is onely this, that the one writ in undigested rough prose, and the other in soft sweet verse, this modern, hath quite out-fabled the ancient *Ovid*. *Thraso* himself where he
 intervives,

intervives, durst not come in competition with this *Bragadocio* Castilian, such a piece of prodigious self-conceitedness as this, the world ne're heard of. Another strange kind of temper discrepant from all Nations they have, and that is this, as great an argument of their haughtiness, as any of the preceding. If any one should demand an account in a strange Countrey concerning any of the Natives, though never so mean, nay the son of a Cobler, he will reply, And is't possible, sir, that you should not know that Cavalier? Did you never hear of him? And all this nay more, though he be but one of their sunbak't Peasants. I dare lay a wager there is not a Child in the City or Kingdome five years old, but knows him, at least, if he be
 sprung

sprung of noble Patents. You shall therefore understand, Sir, (then he begins to be the false Herald of his forged fame) that he is Son to the *Maggiorasco* of *Castile*, and one of the most noble families that *Spain* can boast of, and there are many that confidently pronounce him second Cousin to King *Philip*: yet doth he go disguised in these weeds, that he may be undiscerned by the searching eye of the vulgar: besides I must engage you to silence in this business, for if the King should be sensible in the least of his residence here, he would take it hainously that he did not alight at Court as soon as he arrived: But he that will discourse of all particulars on this subject, must necessarily swell into a volume, wherefore I will wind all up
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upon a small bottom. Now for the nature of the *Spaniard* they are composed of fancy, and an affected gravity, under which lurks store of arrogance, you shall have one of a dunghil-brood stand on tip-toe, twerling his Mustachos say, *Voto a tal soy tan buruo ce mo el Rey Don Felipe*, I swear by *Jupiter Ammon*, that I am in as good a condition as King *Philip*; nor will some of them scruple the saying, that they will walk arm'd in Paradise, but 'tis to be feared they are no birds of Paradise, and so there is very little probability of of their nestling there. You shall see some of their Dons pacing of it with abundance of gravity, environ'd with a croud of Servitors, or more properly, vassalls, two before him, one holds his hat up-

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on occasion, another his cloak, if it chance to rain, another carries a clout to rub his Ginner whilest he is at Mass, another a Curry-comb to kemb his Mane, and all these when they come home, will be content with a crust of bread, and a radish apiece for their repast. They have a saying of the French (between whom there is a very strange antipathy, and that irreconcilable too; *Al primer impetu son mas que bombres, y despues menos que mugeres.* Their first onset manifests them more then men, but their last less then women. But they to requite their kindness, have an ill-favor'd saying of them, *That the Spaniards in point of true active valor, are but bearded women.*

Now as to their habit and garb, they usuallly go close buttoned,
nor

nor will they unbutton though fire fall from heaven. Their Collar is very close, as if they intended that saying in the sacred Code, πάντα θεῷ τετραχιλισμένας. All things are bare neckt to God. He usually wears that upon his arms, which others do on their thighs, viz. long sleeves, and short breeches: besides, he wears his stockings so close and streight to his Leg, that you cannot take hold of them with a pair of pincers: As for their gesture in the street, if there be a company, they march two by two, as if they went in procession to some Saint, or Lady, and that so slowly, that you would judge them to be newly recovered of a Quartan-Ague; and 'tis beyond the power of whip or staff to quicken their pace. As for their speech, they
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are so hellishly ambitious, as to say that when God forbid *Adam* eating of the tree of knowledge, he spoke in Spanish, such is their imperiousness and arrogancy; but I am an enemy to tediousness, especially whilest I am under the name of a Character; therefore to some other particulars.

And first let's make a Pass at the Jesuite, that plays the *Machiavilian* both in Church and State, those grand Supporters of the Spanish Crown, which made a Burgundian Gentleman say, *Un Espagnol sans son Jesuite est comme un Perdrix sans Orange*. A Spaniard without a Jesuite at his elbow in consultation, is like Powder'd-beef without mustard. Define them we need not, since 'tis done already to our hands by *Alexander Hays*, one of their
 own

own Order, and 'tis this; *Jesuita est omnis homo* : They are *Pluto's* prime Agents, that labor tooth and nayl to people his infernal Territories, and adde Vassals to his gloomy majesty. No persons have been greater Incendiaries, or *Bontefeux*, then these Ecclesiastical *Grotesco's*; they usher in all Quarrels, Contentions, Debates, and Scissures, both in Church and State. They are the *Umbra* of the Nobility, inseparable associates, that follow them as a shadow doth the bodies, which is the reason of the numerous Legacies that are conferr'd upon them, yet they are like those little animals *Seneca* speaks of, *quam mordent, & non sentiuntur* : For wheresoever they get footing or entertainment, they prejudice by insensible encroachments,

ments, though the party shall not judge himself hurt, or damaged in the least. And as to their damnable Inquisition, if you are resolved upon a Dispute concerning any Doctrine held by the Roman Church, they will retort with a Syllogism of Hemp, or Fire, which is far more harsh than one in *Barbara*, or *Baroco*, and fitter for devils than men. And though they are so much in esteem with the Pope, yet are they maligned and flouted at by the vulgar, as appears by the Pasquils no less various, then ingenious and tart, that are bestowed on them in every place, which is apparent to any one that is but a mean Historian. When they first negotiated in *France* for footing in *Paris*, they were askt, whether they were *Seculares*, or *Regulares?*

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and replied, *Tales, Quales*, such and such, which remains upon record a Nick-name to them even to this very day. But what the subject bestowed on them with the tongue, they fetcht out of their Sovereign's teeth (King *Henry* the fourth I mean) they began to take a course that he might be hit in the teeth with nothing, by endeavoring to beat them all out; for a young Jesuite green in growth, but old in villany, stabb'd him in the mouth, though it happened with the loss of one onely tooth; whereupon the King said merrily, *Falloit il que les Jesuites fussent convaincus par ma bouche?* Must they needs be convinced by my mouth? Hereupon they were commanded to depart the Kingdom by such a day, and a new Stone-Gallows

Gallows erected before the Palace gate for the execution of the Offender; but the King out of fear (so much do they awe the Scepter) removed it; Hereupon one sung ingeniously to his Majesty:

*Sire, si vous voulez du tout à
l'advenir,
De L'Assassin Chastel oster le
souvenir;
Ostant la Pyramide, & l'Arrest
qui le touche,
Qu'on vous remette donc une dent
dans la bouche.*

Taught to speak English
thus:

Great Prince, if for the future
you will save
Chastel th'Assassine, that noto-
rious Knave;
And pull the Gibbet down, to
purge the stain,

Let

Let him put in your mouth the
tooth again.

But they finding themselves too
much abused by the imposition
of that scandalous Title on them
of *Tales, Quales*, (as they judg'd
it) were so prophane as to call
themselves *Socios Jesu* ever af-
ter, the Associates of Christ (dr-
ring villains, that rank themselves
in the same degree with their
Redeemer) yet in the sacred pa-
ges we read but of one that was
called *Christ's Companion*, and
that was *Judas*: this must need
be in their own judgement *ma-
lum per pejus*, they have well
mended the matter; for they were
their own God-fathers, and did
rebaptize themselves contrary to
the Canons of their own Church
for they allow not a second Bap-
tism, and that with a far more

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ignominious (as it falls out)
 though truer appellation. 'Twas
 their Sophistical equivocation that
 caused that Clause to be inserted
 in the Oath of Supremacy in
England, without mental reserva-
tion. Nay, the Great Turk on
 the *Asian* shore, banished them
 out of *Pera* near *Constantinople*,
 upon the relation that *Queen E-*
lizabeths Ambassadors made of
 their impiety and inhumanity.
 Nay the *Venetians*, though birds
 of the same feathers, and both
 feathers of the *ROMAN* Eagle,
 drove this ridiculous and raven-
 ous Bird clear out of the Con-
 fines of their Dominions, so sen-
 sible were they of the horrible
 out-rages that are usually com-
 mitted by them; for there is no
 massacre how inhumane soever,
 but either they kindle the fag-

gots, or afford the fuel. One of their notorious Machiavilian designs, though frustrated, was hatched for our destruction, *viz.* in Eighty Eight, when they came with their invincible Armado (as they styled it) but we re-baptized it in our Brittish Seas, the *Vincible Armado*, for there it was overwhelmed, destroyed, and dispersed. They made a wood of our Seas, through the number of their Ships, every Galeon like the Trojan Horse, having armed men in the womb of it, with all sorts of instruments for torture; among some whereof, there were found long Knives, with this scandalous Supercription, *To cut the throats of Hereticks*, and yet not a damnable Complotter in all this mischief, but must be canonized for a Saint; as if it lay within the

compass

compass of his power that sits in the Porphyry-chair to exempt men from the punishment due to those sins, which the Almighty hath ordain'd for such hellish Malefactors; but it is to be hoped, that their Plots, like the form into which they reduced their ships, *viz.* a Moon crescent, may ever prove a Moon in the wane, and that the feathers of the Roman Eagle may molt away, till it become a ridiculous bird, and become the object and subject of laughter to all her Neighboring Nations.

But the Master-piece of all, was the sulphurous, or Gunpowder Plot, of so hainous a nature, that it seems rather to be (as one of our gowned Gentlemen saith) 'A piece hammer'd in Hell by a Conclave of Cacodæmons, than

' traced by humane invention. A
 ' sulphurous Mine prepared and
 ' fitted with that Artifice, that
 ' with one snuff it should have
 ' blown up to the Clouds, and
 ' made but a squib of that mighty
 ' Assembly, with many thousands
 ' of innocent souls besides: *Eng-*
 ' *lands* Sovereign Monarch, with
 ' his Royal Consort, and Prince-
 ' ly Issue; Root and Rind, Stem
 ' and Stock, Bud and Blossom,
 ' had all been blasted, and that in
 ' a moment. *Oculi intuitu*, in the
 very twinkling of an eye, and
 all our stately Fabricks and Stru-
 ctures had bin turn'd into ashes:
 But before I enter upon the Re-
 lation of this unparalel'd intend-
 ed Cruelty, prepare your self
 (Reader) for tragical Expectati-
 ons, lest the suddenness and impi-
 ety of the Fact astonish your
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Apprehension ; and here think of nothing but Graves, Tombs and Epitaphs, Flakes of Fire, Cracks of Thunder, Astma's, and Vesuvio's; for here is a Plot that History is at a *non-plus* to parallel. O learned Jesuite ! Hast thou hammered upon the Forge of thy accursed Brain (for indeed he was the Blacksmith of this diabolical Stratagem) a Cruelty, as horrible as unheard of : not the *Raviliac's* in France, their own *Inquisition*, the *Machiavils* in Italy, the *Gowries* in Scotland, the *Tories* or *Oneals* in Ireland, nor any other vicious or desperate mortal yet found out : 'Tis plain that in this they intended to out-devil the grand Eleſtor of *Erebus*, if 'twere poſſible : A cruelty that tranſcends all Roman ſtory, far beyond that of *Catiline*, *Brutus*,

or *Lucius Scævola*. Presumptuous villains ! that dare send souls to Heaven before the Resurrection, and make companions for *Elijah* in his fiery Chariot. Here might you see these Pioneers digging to Hell for Assistance, when Heaven had denied it them so often, but at length Sennior Satan took compassion of their labor, and helpt them with a destructive invention : Herein 'tis apparent they receiv'd assistance from, and encountered with the greatest head of the hellish *Hydra* (always except the *Pope*) fain would they have made our Land like the way of *Medea*, strewed with the Limbs of her brother *Absyrtus* ; here the arm of a Father, there the leg of a mother ; here the limb of one relation, there the joynt of another, *his laquens positus*

positus est ; here the gin was laid,
but like silly Woodcocks they
were ensnar'd in't themselves.

— *Non lex est iustior ulla,
Quam necis artifices, arte perire
suâ.*

— 'Tis just I'll swear,
That they should all be caught
in their own snare.

O rare Saints ! what ? Turn
your Saint *Peter* into Saltpeter,
to destroy us, and all we can lay
claim to ?

*Rem, Regem, Regimen, Regio-
nem, Religionem.*

Religion, Substance, Kingdom,
King,
Of all our famous Lawes the
Spring.

And they were prompted to all their cruelty, inhumanity, and barbarism, by their zeal to Religion :

Tantum Religio potuit suadere malorum.

Sacred Lady, must thou be the Mantle to cover their infandous villany; the Cloak to palliate their stupendious cruelty? Thou that usest to be clad with the armor of light, must thou be made the Authoress of such subterranean darkness? No, no, far be it from a rational person, or solid Christian to entertain a thought so prejudicial and injurious to thy sacred, uncontaminated innocency.

But 'tis the general course of these hellish Machiavilians, not to suffer Vice to appear upon the stage

stage in its ugly hew, and native deformity, lest it should deter all persons from it, but they mask or cover it with the vail of virtue. And farther to shew that the edge of their Satanical invention is not yet blunted, and manifest their choller still against us, they keep near the Fifth of *November* a Day of Execration, wherein they curse Heretickes, as they term us; in which they approach nearest of any, and resemble most of all the rebellious Jew, that crucified our Savior; who on the twelfth of *August* had their time of Execration, wherein they cursed *Vespasian*, and the Romane Soldiers for demolishing their famous Temple of *Jerusalem*. Nor is their malice and envy glutted or satisfied with *Europian* blood, but they must satiate their fury

with the Indian too: and though they pretend that their right to both Indies, is right of Discovery, and that they were the first Detectors of it, it is questionable, if not absolutely false; for *Pliny* the Carthaginian was the first Discoverer of *India*, by crossing the Equinoctial twice; nor were the *West-Indies* unknown to *Plato*: Besides, a greater evidence than the forementioned, that the Spaniards were not the first Discoverers of *America*, is this, That there was a Welch Epitaph found at their first landing there, upon *Madoc* a Brittish Prince; who, as 'tis supposed, made an escape to save himself from the fury of the Saxons in *England*, and put himself in a Barque to the fortune of the Sea, and so landed in *America*. And 'tis farther confirmed, that

that the old Brittish or Weclh were there, from the variety of Brittish words retain'd among them in their language even at this very day. But whether they were the first Discoverers] or no; it is observ'd, that those vast treasures she transports thence thrive little, by reason of that ocean of human (though savage) blood the Spaniard spilt there; never did any nation phlebotomize an enemy so inhumanely as they did, in so much that it is affirmed by some, (and that groundedly too) that the blood they spilt would over-poise all the gold they ever fetcht from thence, if it were counter-ballanced; and as that vast Treasure was first gained by the effusion of much blood, so hath it been ominous and fatal ever since, & consum'd in blood;

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for most of the Combustions and Dissentions of the Occidental World have bin fed and fomented by them ; nay, which is more prejudicial to it, in point of policy, the King of *Spain* by these Mines and means, furnisheth the major part of his Enemies with Arms defensive and offensive against him, the least part of the treasure remaining among them ; for most of their current Coyn is Copper, so that we may say, according to our English Proverb, *Who is worse shod than the Shoemaker's wife?* In so much that we may compare her (and that very fitly) to the Arcadian Ass ; who, though laden with Gold, yet browzeth upon Thistles.

As to their Cruelty in the *Indian* Conquest, it was so inhuman, that the relation thereof would stagger

stagger the belief of a Christian,
 were there not a general consent
 among all Historiographers of the
 hainousness thereof. Such horri-
 ble Murthers and Massacres did
 they commit, that I blush to stain
 my paper with their relation; for
 'tis affirmed by some (and those
 of no mean credit) that in the
 space of forty five years, there
 were above ten millions of souls
 destroyed in the New World, as
 they are pleased to call it, be-
 sides those great numbers that
 died by working in the Mines,
 officiating like Asses, Oxes, and
 Mules; some of them being loa-
 den with burthens on their back
 of one hundred and sixty pound
 weight, carrying them three hun-
 dred miles, sometimes more, be-
 sides those that perished in the
 water with fishing for Pearl, in
 obedience

obedience to their insulting commands, being dieted on purpose by them for that work with course Bisket, and dry edible commodities, to make them fit for that work: poor slender fare for such hard and slavish laborers: They scorn'd, it seems, to murther by retail, but *Caligula* like, their glutton blades must be imbrued in the bowels of a whole Nation. Nay farther, they made a sport and recreation of their inhumanity and barbarism; for they hunted them with dogs, as if they have been beasts of the Game, and not their fellow-creatures; to confirm which, there is a story of an old impotent Indian woman that was sent by a Spaniard, with a Letter to the Governor of the next Town, who, when she was departed about

about a flight shot off of him, he let slip his dog at her; which she perceiving fell on her knees, and cried out, *Sennor, Sennor Dog,* (so much Spanish she had) *I beseech thee spare me, for I am a going with a Letter from thy Master, to the Governor;* the unanimate creature it seems moved with compassion at her words, and suppliant posture, being better exercised in the rules of humanity and morality than his master, took compassion on her, only lifting up his leg and pissing against her, and so let her depart in peace. Now the Spaniards had rendered themselves so odious to those Indians, by reason of their cruelty, that not one of a noble resolution among them could endure to hear of going to any place that they frequented, although

though after their dissolution, as may appear by the story of one *Hathu Cacico* a stout Indian, who being to die, (for his being an Indian was crime enough to merit death, though probably no malefactor) *Stat pro ratione voluntas*, was their Motto, *Their will was their Law*; who being perswaded by a Franciscan Fryar, and admonished to turn Catholique, and embrace the Romish superstition, withal acquainting him with the joys of heaven, and how that he should be transported thither, if he would be converted, or to speak more properly, perverted; whereupon he demanded of the Franciscan whether or no there were any Spaniards in heaven? who replied yes, 'twas peopled with them: then said he, I will choose rather

to go to Hell, then to have their company : a notable example of heathen generosity, which might intimate unto them, they could not conquer their spirits, though they massacred their bodies. Nay *Attabalipa* one of their Pagan Kings being informed, That the Pope had conferr'd his kingdom upon the King of *Spain*, was heard to utter this as noble, as tart expression, That the Pope must be either an egregious fool, or an unjust Tyrant, that durst have the impudence to take upon him the bestowing of other mens Right and Possessions, so freely and liberally to others, that had no right nor title to them.

Not were they thus satiated with drinking the savage blood of the Indians, but they must be sucking the blood of the Europeans

pean Christians too ; witness the
 Tyranny of the Duke *d'Alva*,
 termed (and not undeservedly)
The Sponge of the Belgian Blood ;
 for he made it his boast , and a
 kinde of sportive recreation to be
 heard often saying, That he had
 dispatch't to the other world a-
 bove eighteen thousand Belgians
 by Fire, Water , the Rack, the
 Sword, and the Ax. Nor is it to
 be found a humour in Subjects
 onely , but in their Monarchs
 likewise ; witness one of their
 Kings, who being disturb'd at the
 divers ill Successes that he had in
 his Politick Proceedings , swore
 he would be revenged upon the
 Superior Power , that hath the
 conduct and guidance of all mor-
 tal Affairs , and therefore com-
 manded that none of his subjects
 should adore, believe in, or speak
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of God for so long time, upon pain of his utter displeasure. Impious wretches ! that durst combat Omnipotency, or venter upon a single Duel with the Deity. Now as to the Gigantick power of his Catholick Majesty, if it be equally poiz'd in the ballance of a discerning judgement, it comes far short of that height and splendor that is usually attributed to it ; for the vast distance of his Territories, the innumerable Debts he hath contracted, (and he is infinitely indebted to the *Genoese* and others) the universal antipathy that is between them and all Nations in general, by reason of their ambition, pride, and haughtiness, is as great an impediment and debilitating, as his Wealth is a Fortification or Assistance. And as for Justice,
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the Queen of Virtues, she hath
 as little power there, as among
 any people on the surface of the
 earth, especially for forreiners
 for it is as facil a business to draw
 a soul out of the jaws of Hell, as
 to recover any thing against them
 if they grasp it once within their
 clutches: And if a stranger come
 to commence a Suit at Law there
 against a Spaniard, the processual
 charges will oftentimes surmount
 the value of the thing, or right
 you sue for.

As for zeal, and innate valor,
 where shall you finde it among
 them? 'tis more rare to see a
 Duel there, then a Horse in *Ve-*
nice; or to hear of a Spurrier
 prefer'd to a Queen; though not
 a Cobler or Smith among them
 can be seen without a Sword,
 which they wear for orament, not
 use:

use : yet if they have receiv'd any abuse or affront, they will be sure to meet in the Market-place, and there draw , pretending to run furiously one at another, because they are sure to be parted e're they make a pass, or can well tell how to mount their weapon; and usually the Minister of Justice (as they call him) deprives them both of their weapons for a time, till he hath wrought a reconciliation. 'Tis true, in the Conquest of the Western World, they did atchieve somewhat , but it was against a naked, inermous enemy, who were destitute of all defensive or offensive weapons; besides, so stupid and ignorant were the poor Americans , that they took Horse and Man to be one Aminal, born contrary to the course of natural production, and begot

begot of some infernal stage; but
 which Bug-bear opinion profli- it is
 gated the Indian, and not the
 Spanish manhood or valor: where Le:
 was the Spanish generosity and gre
 nobility of spirit, when *Goleta* lins
 near *Tunis* was shamefully lost by tho
 them, and taken by *Sinan Bassa*, nia
 with five hundred Pieces of Ord- of
 nance, which hath arm'd *Tunis* Phi
 and *Algier* ever since, and made of a
 them such infamous Pyrats? I oth
 must confess, were the word of E
 sufficiency to combat with the
 sword, or could the good conceit Ho
 they have of their own magnani- this
 mity, or the loud (though unde- der
 served) Encomiums they will be- Q
 flow upon themselves, and their
 deserts make them men of war, P
 they would subjugate the whole
 universe, and excel all their Pre- Th
 decessors in military discipline; vai
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but words will not gain the field,
it must be action.

As for the number of their
Learned, I think they have no
great quantity; *Raymundus Lul-*
lius is one of their famous Au-
thors, one that (like a native Spa-
niard) was very much conceited
of his ability in the study of the
Philosophers Stone, or *Elixir*;
of whom it may be said, as of all
others that follow that whimsie:

*Et bona dilapidant omnia pro la-
pide.*

How much he was esteemed of,
this ensuing Dystich will clearly
demonstrate.

*Qui Lulli lapidem querit, quem
querere nulli*

*Profuit; Haud Lullus, sed mihi
nullus erit.*

There is nothing but air in that
vain foolish study, nothing of
substance;

substance; their glowing fire doth
 but swell up their hope of gain,
 till the spirits quite expire, and
 so their fortunes die : Nor in-
 deed can it be expected, that they
 should excel in any kind of lear-
 ning, because they peruse no vo-
 lumes but their own, penn'd in
 their own language, and in their
 University Dissertations, their
Vernaculum or Mother tongue
 carries the greatest sway (which
 is made up of nothing, but a few
 shreds of *Morisco*, and patched
 up with some old Arabick words)
 for they seldom, scarce once in an
 age, dispute in the *Roman* tongue.
 And before we leave their lear-
 ned Rabble, let us have one hit
 more at their modern Jafons, the
 Jesuites, those Clergy-men of the
 Golden-fleece, that devote them-
 selves more to Madam *Monesia*,
 than

then the Lady *Loretto*, or the blessed Virgin *Mary*; and if we consider their Tenets in Divinity, we shall finde them as erroneous and diabolical, nay, as diametrically contrary to Reason or Divinity, as their politicke, accursed, Machiavilian Plots and Practises. Our English Chronicles makes mention of one Father *Garnet* a Jesuite, who being interrogated by the Earl of *Nottingham*, whether or no, if any one should confess unto him in the morning, that he had a design to murther the King that very evening, he thought himself bound in conscience to reveal it? he replied in the negative; which infernal doctrine was confirmed by *Binetus* the Jesuite, in these words: *Præstare Reges omnes perire, quam si vel semel Confessionis*
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sigil-

*figillum violaretur ; Regem enim
 humani juris Imperium ait esse,
 Confessionem juris divini : In Eng-
 lish thus : It were far better that
 all the Kings in the world should
 be murdered, than that the Seal
 of Confession should be violated
 in the least ; for the dignity of a
 King is indebted to humane au-
 thority for its being ; but Con-
 fession, to Divine Institution.
 Nay, there was a Jesuit in France
 who had the impudence to belch
 this blasphemy in publick, and to
 maintain, if there were occasion,
*Si Dominus noster Jesus Christus
 interris versaretur morti obnoxius,
 & aliquis sibi in Confessione
 dixisset velle se illum occidere, pri-
 usquam Confessionem revaleret,
 passurum se, ut Christus occidatur.*
 O profane ! in English thus : If
 our Lord and our Saviour Jesus
 Christ*

Christ were upon the earth, and mortal, and that any one should confess unto him that he had an intention to murder him, he would suffer our Saviour to be slain, rather than disclose it. Right *Judas'es*, that had rather murder their Master than thwart their own vain traditions, and for phantick Chymæra's, that never were hatcht hitherto in any but such riddle pates as their own; but let them have a care lest that they finde *Judas* his punishment, since they are so much guilty of his hainous crime. This is a more daring, nefandous piece of wickedness, than that fictitious one of the Gigantomachy; for they do not onely aim at the dethroning of the Deity, but would, were it within the compass of their hellish inventions, be so im-

pious as to murder him. Our most gracious Sovereign of blessed memory, King *James*, received a seasonable Caveat from his God-mother Queen *Elizabeth*, to take heed of the Spaniard; who answered her very ingeniously, *Se non aliud beneficium ab Hispano expectare, quam quod Ulyssi Polyphemus promiserat, ut aliis devoratis, postremus degluteretur.* That he expected no more favour from the Spaniard, than what *Polyphemus* promised *Ulysses*, that all the rest being devoured, it should fall to his share to go last to pot. There is no distinction among them, when animated by rage and fury, Prince and People, King and Kingdom, all go to rack, if it lie in their power. Now 'tis most certain by this *Hildebrandine* Jesuitical doctrine

Strine of their auricular Confession; for they open the Cabinets of Princes, and no persons have such sure and faithful intelligence as they from all parts in Christendom: Besides, there are no Ecclesiasticks that frequent the Court, or Noblemens houses more than they, so that they understand all the Transactions in Church and State in all parts of the Christian world, and thereby are enabled to put themselves in a posture to act their damnable designs; yet, notwithstanding all their sinister and politick practises to support the Crown of Spain, and defend his Holiness, they remain but in a wavering and fluctuating condition; for the late *Motus trepidationis* in Naples, and that in Sicily, with the total Revolt of the Portuguese,

and the *Catalonian* Commotions, and those vast Debts that they have contracted with the *Genoese*, and several other accidents that might be mentioned, hath so shaken the Spanish Monarchy, that she continues in an anguish condition ever since, and there is very little probability of her re-settlement. *Decrescit Oliva*, the Olive-branches begin to wither and decay; and 'tis very much fear'd by themselves, that she will be found dead at the root ere long, if by a diligent lopping off of her superfluous branches, and the careful management, and ordering of her State-Gardeners, she be not revived, and made to bud and blossom afresh: But undoubtedly she will come to a sad Catastrophe, if the tympany of the Spaniards pride be not aswaged

swaged and taken down: Besides the innumerable ill successses that she hath had in all her undertakings, is a sufficient argument to dissuade her from ever believing Fortune to be her favorite; she seem'd indeed to be in the poop, and favor King *Philip*, till he receiv'd a memorable Defeat at *Mostagan* in *Barbary*, under the Conduct of *Alcaudite* a petty inconsiderable Morisco King; and their ill success at *Los Gelves* near *Tripoli*, where most of the Christians in the Neopolitan Gallies under the Conduct of *Don Alvaro* their Chief Commander, were souc'd in *Thetis* Powdering-tub, and made meat for Sharks and Shaddocks; which was occasioned by the imprudence of their Leaders, when as otherwise they might have come off nobly, with

the name of Conquerors. Several others I might mention, but I will not upbraid them too much with their infelicity: onely take this by the way, that when *Philip* the second rigg'd that numerous Fleet against our Land, with an absolute intent to ruinate us, he was repuls'd by the valor of the English, with so much disparagement to the whole Nation, that he passionately said, *He sent his men to fight with men, and not with the Windes and the Sea*: nay, one of their holy Conclave, in a Sermon was heard to say publicly, *That by this very business, and the frustrating of their design, God had manifested himself a Lutheran.* 'Tis strange methinks, noble Seniors, that he should fight for the Hereticks against the true Catholics, as you term yourselves!

Methinks

Methinks you might observe the saying of your Emperor *Charles* the Fifth, (who was of the *Austrian* family) and have taken his Advice a little more into consideration :

*Con todo el mundo guerra,
Y puz con Ingalar jerra.*

In English thus:

With all the world wage war,
But ne're with *England* jar.

For if you do, you must be arm'd and quilted, and for all that may be basted into the bargain : Be confident *Sennor Espannol*, if you come to bake in our Oven, your Cake will be dough. There's no kindling your Irons in our fire, unless you meane to be scorch'd with them; but methinks you might have so much wit, as to take warning by our English Proverb, *The burnt childe dreads the*

fire ; if not, as you like the play of our British Guns, venter upon another Invasion : we have more *Drakes* still to send their Fire-ships among you , and send you back to your Confinements toils'd and weather-beaten , if any of you be so happy as to escape : we'll make you know your heart lies in your heels, and flying is your best course ; you are like to have no harbor here, a retreat is your safest refuge.

Before the Embassage of the Constable of *Castile* mediating for peace with us , your prating Jesuite had infected the common people of *Spain* with a false opinion , that the English were strangely metamorphos'd, some had the faces of Hogs , some did resemble Dogs, and others *Munkies* , since they forsook the Roman

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man Church ; which they poor silly souls did really believe, till the Constable at his return did rectifie his Countrey-men. But conceit them so still ; but if they be Dogs, they come all of noble Sires, they are no Mungrels, but such Mastiffs as will bark you out of your wits ; and such Munkies they are, that if they make but a face at you , that's enough to scare a whole Legion of you ; and if you are so incredulous as not to believe it, try once more, and then judge according to your success. When the Marriage between our late blessed Sovereign of happy memory (though of unhappy fortune) and the *Infanta* of *Spain* was in agitation , the Nobility of *England* that were dieted at the King's Table, and attended by the Spaniards, were

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not so meanly bred, as to be satisfied with your poor Cates, which made them break out into many scoffing expressions touching the barrenness of *Spain*, smiling also at the vanity of their superstitious Processions. And *Archee* the Kings Jester being at *Madrid*, and admitted one day to see his Catholick Majesty at Dinner, strutted and walk'd up and down, talking and muttering, which the King of *Spain* perceiving, askt what he said? which an Interpreter there present made answer, He saith that King *James* his Master did resemble God Almighty most of any King in the world. And he demanding the reason, was answered, Because that God had but one son, and he sent him to be crucified among the Jews, so the King of

England

England had but one son, and he sent him to be crucified among the Spaniards: a notable saying to check them for their accustomed cruelty and barbarism, although in this he prov'd but a foolish, and false Prophet, and to our joy and comfort it fell out quite contrary.

There happened one day a very facetious, quipping passage betwixt King *Philip* and a Veteran Captain, that had served him a long time in the *Belgian* Wars, who being deferr'd by the Council of State, was resolved to find out his Majesty himself, who was then at the *Escorial*, and as fortune would have it, hunting; where mounted on his Mule, and meeting the King single in the field, the King began to entertain Discourse with him: first, de-

demanding who he was? The blunt Soldier judging him to be some private Nobleman, related the whole story to him, recounting how that he had served *Don Philip* many years in the Netherlands, and that now he was come to demand a remuneration: The King answered, Doth *Don Philip* owe you any thing of your lawful pay? No, said the Captain: then replied the King, I am clearly of opinion, that he will scarce give you any thing, since he hath satisfied you in your arrears, and principally because he is infinitely indebted, and hath many designs to put forward; at which the Captain broke off abruptly, saying, *Pues que me bese la mula en el culo*: Then let him kiss my Mule in the tayl; and so was riding away, but the King call'd him

him back, and ask'd him what Petition he had made, or what course he had taken for satisfaction? He told him that he had often attended the Council of State, and War, with his Memorials, but was never the near, nor could he ever procure the sight of his Majesty there, nor elsewhere. Very good, said the King, the Council sits to morrow, and I shall be there present, for I have an Office there; wherefore if you come I shall procure your entrance, and then you may make your Address to *Don Philip* in person. The King the very next day did preside himself in Council, and gave strict order, that if such a person, describing him of such a name, (for that he had learned of him by their Conference) should chance to be at the door, he

he should be admitted : the Captain coming, and having entrance, seeing the Council bare, and knowing this to be the King with whom he had private discourse yesterday, he was not much out of countenance : Immediately *Philip* ask't him, whether he remembered the discourse that was between them in the field? Yes Sir, replies the Captain; then, said he, you cannot forget what you said : *That if the King would not reward you, he might kiss your Mule in the breech*: Sir, replied he, *Senó lo dicho, dichio, en Mula esta debaxo a la puerta*: What I said, I said, and Mule stands below at the back gate: The King was not at all disturb'd but gave him his hand to kiss, and caus'd him to be nobly rewarded. He had now quite forgot his usual

usual expression to those that came to request any thing of him, *Si a todos los que me piden daria, presto pediria yo*: If I should give to every one that puts up a Petition to me, I might soon come to beg my self. Well done Captain, hug thy blunt Genius, it was that procur'd thy reward, not his bounty; who, though a Monarch, had soon sent thee packing with a curb, hadst thou not gone contrary to the common course of men, who with so much submissiveness did use to petition his Majesty; well said down-right: hereafter cry, *hang Complements*, and swear, *Complementum* is but *complete mentiri*.

BUT now since we are upon so flowingly a subject, let's expatiate upon a story that is somewhat akin to this, which happened at a solemn

solemn Convention of his Holiness, his Catholick Majesty, and his most Christian of *France*, with thousands of the Nobility of both Nations; who being all bare, and the Pope ready to mount, to ride in Procession, one of these Monarchs holding the Stirrop on foot, and the other his Saddle, both uncovered, and kissing his Pantofle. The King of *France* his Jester spying it, and taking it into consideration, streight endeavours to make through the Croud, crying out aloud, *Make room, make room*; at which the multitude being astonished, askt him what was the matter? what forc't him to these loud exclamations? O! replied he, *I'le be gone to Paris*. Why? your reason? O! saith he, *if the Pope make so great a Monarch as my Master kiss his*

Toe,

Toe, hee'l make me kiss his Breech
by and by, therefore I'le be gone.
 He it should seem was not mind-
 ed to salute his Apostolick rump;
 nor did he much fancy the kis-
 sing of his Toe, but if he had
 been compell'd to't, he would
 have gone near to have shown his
 Holiness as snappish a trick as the
 Ambassadors dog did, that almost
 bit it off: But we'l have no more
 of these whimsies, lest some Cri-
 rick or other should say, that this
 Treatise is fit for nothing but to
 make cul-paper, that is, *ad ab-*
stergendum podicem. Methinks I
 hear 'em cry, fie, fie, therefore I
 must give o're. And now let's
 pitch upon some more cleanly
 subject, if we can hit on any, sure
 we shall finde out one at length,
 and yet it must be of that King
Philip before mention'd, who had
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erected a *Pyramis* in the Market-
place at *Santo Domingo* (where
our famous Swimmer *Drake* was,
who took and plundered it) where-
on was found this Motto:

— *Non sufficit Orbis:*

One world was too narrow to
confine the spacious soul of *Don*
Philip.

Estuat infelix angusto limite
mundi:

His capacious and most ample
Majesty did sweat again for want
of room in this narrow World;
yet notwithstanding his proud
boasting (but that you know is
like a Spaniard) he was overcome
by an Army of poor inconsider-
able creatures, silly worms; for
Herod-like, he perished *marbo*
perdiculari, by the Lowfie dis-
ease, which made a modern Poet
sing:

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— Rex ille Philippus
 Tot populis, Terrisque potens, late-
 que Tyrannus,
 Occidit a fædo rosus, grege Ver-
 miculorum,
 Carnificesque suos miserando
 corpore pavit
 Vivens, atque videns, & propria
 funera planxit.

Nor was it any other then a ma-
 nifestation of Divine vengeance
 from an angry Deity; which some
 imputed to his base Lasciviouf-
 ness and Lechery; some gave out
 it was a Judgement for making
 away his Son *Don Carlos*; others
 affirm'd it to be a Judgement in-
 flicted upon him, for the Duke
d'Alva's Tyranny over the *Bel-*
gians; others, that it was for de-
 priving *Portugal* of her lawfull
 Heir. But most men did gene-
 rally concur in this opinion, That

it was a punishment sent from Heaven, for that Ocean of American blood that was spilt by him, to possess themselves with their Mines of Gold and Silver. Oh that fordid Lucre should prompt a man to the effusion of so much blood ! when it might have been procured with far more honour and renown to the Conquerors, if otherwise ordered, and they themselves have been free from such a barbarous imputation : but what would you have ? or what can you expect otherwise ? for according to our English Proverb, *They must needs go that the Devil drives* ; and he doubtless hath been the Hellish *Machiavil* that hath endostrinated them in most of their politic Designs ; but no doubt he that set them forward, will give them their due reward.

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'Tis impossible so much villany as hath been acted by that Nation, should be for ever unpunished ; to think so , were to accuse the Supream Governor of all things, of the highest injustice ; but far be it from any man to harbour such a thought. Time will produce much , and then our eyes may see what we are now assured of will happen , unless by an unfeigned repentance, and a deluge of penitential tears , they wash their hands from that deluge of humane blood they have poured out ; but it must not be their penance in a coat of hair , or their bare-foot pilgrimages , and affected absteniousness , and such other Superstitious Ceremonies that are used among them ; although they be of a contrary opinion. But now a little more of
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their nature and disposition, and we have done.

The austerity of the Spaniard's temper, and the severity and affected arrogance of their manners, renders them odious to all other Nations, when as an humble, and yet handsome deportment, would make them far more acceptable. They are so addicted to laziness and sloth, that their idleness is grown common, even to a Proverb. Now every School-boy that is subject to the lash, can tell them, *Otium pestis Reipublice*: Idleness is the moth or canker of the Commonwealth; and if this Caterpillar continue long upon the boughs of the Olive, it will leave it as inconsiderable and mean in the judgement of all the world, as they now would fain induce them to believe it might

mighty and magnificent. They are the very Harpies of the earth, or like that roaring Lion, pace the circumference of the Globe, seeking whom they may devour ; for wheresoever they can once get admission, they cast about by all possible means to ruinate and destroy the inhabitants, using all artifices, and picking quarrels to that end and purpose ; So that that *Maronian* Dystich may very well agree with their practises, which saith :

*Armati Terram exercent, semper-
que recentes,
Convectare juvat pradas, & vivere
rapto.*

They are naturally prone to suspect all they have any acquaintance with, how slender soever it be ; an argument of a depraved disposition,

disposition, and corrupt nature ;
and as proud as *Lucifer* the apo-
state Angel : but we know the
usual fortune that attends such
haughty mindes :

— *colluntur in altum,*

Ut lapsu graviore ruant. —

They are exalted and lifted up
on high, that their fall may be the
greater. They are also infinitely
addicted to self-love; then which
there is no greater enemy to true
friendship, which is the bond that
ties human society together, and
makes man to be what he was
born for, ζῷον πολιτικόν, a Soci-
able Creature. They are arro-
gant to their inferiors, and hum-
ble to their Superiors, which ar-
gues them to be made up of an
ignoble alloy, and sprung of a
dunghil brood, verifying the old
saying:

Asperius

*Asperius nihil est humili, quoniam
surgit in altum.*

The *Catalaunians* are naturally passionate, impatient of labor, and addicted to Theft beyond measure. The *Arragonians* are factious, mutinous, and subject to rebellion. Those of *Andaluzia* are of a cruel temper, drunkards; a vice that the Egyptians did so much abhorre, that when they found any of their servants overcome with this Excess, they brought them forth, shewing them to their children, that they might learn in their young years to avoid the Crime in their old age. Now should you see any of them in this swinish condition, you would take him to be an enated sop, that is newly sprung out of a pot of Ale in a frosty

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morning; which makes them have
 such red-coated faces , and such
 fiery noses, that you might try a
 yong Eagle by their bloody beak;
 you might soon understand by
 their complexion what broth they
 love : 'tis well that they cannot
 compass a mess of our *Ceres* wa-
 ter-gruel , for if they could, we
 should scarce hear of the natural
 death of one of them once in an
 Age ; for they would all quickly
 swim to their graves in a drunken
 fit : besides , they are so avari-
 cious, that they learn Geometry
 onely to measure the circumfe-
 rence of their household bread,
 that they may know to a haires
 breadth how much of it is consu-
 med in their absence; and should
 you chance to be invited to a
 Collation or Dinner among them
 you must feed sparingly , or else
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it may be finde the English Proverb verified, *To have roast meat given you, and be beaten with the spit*: Not a leg of a Capon that you cut, but you ham-string the poor man that invites you, and he had as live see you drink his own blood, as sup up the gravy. And yet this proud imperious fellow will (out of ostentation, if he chance to have a fowl to dinner) strew the feathers at the door, to shew all Passengers that they have had noble fare: but this you must note proceeds from the want of victuals among them. 'Tis the general disposition of them all, to believe what they fancy more than what they either do, or indeed can really act, and especially of the *Portugese*; nor will he deny it, *Portugalli dictitant se niti eo potius, quod se esse*

putant, quam eo, quam revera sunt.
 And yet what are these *Portu-
 gals*? a rude rabble or pack of
 slaves; for the number of them
 in some places are very near as
 great, if not more then the inha-
 bitants; And there are very few
 places where there is so little di-
 stinction among them; for they
 scarce make any difference be-
 tween men and beast, and they
 are both sold in the market at an
 equal rate, so that they may law-
 fully be term'd a Crew of Hea-
 thens, or Pagans, notwithstand-
 ing their pretended zeal to Reli-
 gion. But that is but a fair pre-
 tence to set off their villany the
 better, a meer ceremony among
 them, and indeed so much cere-
 mony, that it hath almost eaten
 out the substance of Religion,
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den Legion, all's one; Religion serves but for a meer Stratagem, and their Priests, that were ordained (or at least should be) to exorcise devils, are the greatest fiends, and should, if rightly served, be cast out themselves. But now, as to the foundation of their imagined *Grandeza*, that they have brought their Government unto, as they imagine: The very form thereof is very unpleasing to a subject, for they had rather rule by fear than love and where she acquires any of the latter, it is drawn as a thread through the eye of a needle out of the apprehension of fear: it being one of their State-maxims, That Obedience proceeding from such a love, is the surest and safest, in regard that Fear being the greatest and most careful Governess

of our passions, sways all the rest with more power and controulment, and keeps them still in subjection, and so consequently makes as good subjects, as it did Gods at first.

Primus in orbe Deos fecit timor--

Fear first created Gods.—

Nay farther, the chief and highest Ministers they employ, are so much for their private lucre, and self-interest, (which most commonly proves the destruction of a Kingdom) that it is grown to a Proverb, *Some of them gnaw, others eat, and some devour, where they are deputed to signorize and govern.* But, now 'tis time to change our subject, and to be a little more milde in their Description and Character.

In this fore-going Discourse
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you have seen their most hainous Vices, cruel Plots, hellish Designs, and barbarous Enterprizes; as also their imperious Mindes, proud and haughty Spirits, their base Tempers and Dispositions, and their depraved Natures, erroneous Tenets, and wicked Customs; Now that we may not be thought to be altogether made up of spleen and choler, and to have dipt our pen in *aqua-fortis*, or vinegar, we shall take a short survey of their Virtues, and noble Qualifications, to the end we may demonstrate unto you that they have somewhat among them, which may merit commendation as well as condemnation. And first, the Soyl is healthful, having for a long time a constant serene Ayr, which made the Prince of Greek Poets, and se-

veral other Authors place the *E. usian fields* here; for there are no gross, caliginous vapors rising up from Bogs or Fens, but there are most refreshing, soft *Zephyres* or Breezes, that pierce the circumambient Air, and enliven both man and beast; nay, Mariners that use to traverse those Seas, can tell when they approach the coasts of *Spain*, by the odiferous smel of *Rosemary*, & other Aromatick Vegetals that grow there up and down the common fields, and perfume the Air with their fragrancy: She is not parcht with such excessive heat as *Africa*, nor shaken with such impetuous windes as *France*, nor tossed with such earthquakes as *Italy*, nor nipt and pincht by the benumbing thumbs of Winter, as *Holland*, *Swethland*, and several other

other Regions; but enjoys a moderate and temperate Air. *Spain* abounds with the most generous Wines, and the best Oyls; as also the best Fruits, as Figs, Raisins, Almonds, Oranges, Lemons, and Pomegrannets, and all other kinde of Vegetables, as Herbs, Roots, and Flowers. Besides her bowels are richly furnished with Mettals, as Iron, Steel, Quick-silver, and Gold. She produceth good Silk, Flax, and excellent Wooll, though they are behold-
ing to us for that commodity.

Now for that generous Animal the Horse, she surpasseth all Countreys; for their *Cordovan Ginnets* excel those of *Turkey* for fierceness; those of *Barbary* for their light feet, or nimble heels, as we term it; and those of *Italy* in comeliness of proportion. Her
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stately Fabricks, Structures, and Cities, are as numerous as statelyly; which occasioned the Proverb, *Quien no ha visto Sevilla, non ha visto Maravilla: Quien no ha visto Lisboa, no ha visto cosa boa.* He that ne're saw *Sevil*, ne're saw a miracle; and he that ne're saw *Lisbon*, ne're saw any thing that was rare; but the cadency of the words in the Spanish, is far more harmonious than in the English Dialect. To prove which, I need mention but one, and that is the Monastery of *St. Laurence*, near the *Escorial*, which for matter and form is not to be parallel'd. *Claudian* breaks out into an Elogium of her, which concludes thus:

Dives equis, frugum facilis, pretiosa metallis.

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The patience of the Spaniard is commendable; their valor notable; their fidelity very signal, which was the reason that *Julius Caesar* us'd to have a Guard of them, and *Augustus* a Band of *Biscayners* or *Cantabrians* about him. In their Military discipline they are admirable, very strict and severe, and obedient to their Commanders; as may appear by that Spanish Centinel, who was found dead in the morning in a tower upon the Cittadel of *Antwerp*, with his musket in his hand, in a defensive posture, & standing on his legs upright, like one that was alive and in health to their seeming, yet all frozen. Besides, they are infinitely carefull of their National Honor, and very industrious to promote it. For their Discoveries of other Countreys,

treys, they have had great success, and rendred themselves famous thereby. And though they have received vast heaps of gold and silver from the *Americans*, in requital whereof, that they might not be altogether ingrateful, they received Christianity, and were civiliz'd by them, when as before the Savages did resemble brute beasts more than rational men.

It was the Spanish Navigation that first confuted that erroneous opinion, that there were no such persons in *esse*, as the *Antipodes*; when as before there was a Bishop imprison'd at *Rome*, for verifying this now uncontroversible Tenet, which is understood almost by every plebeian. The Friars in the West, and the Jesuits in the *East-Indies* first planted

planted Christian Religion, and cultivated those parts, and made a fruitful vineyard of them, baptizing them in the Laver of regeneration; nay, it is credibly reported, that one single Franciscan Frier did christen 400000 of them. And though the Proverb hath it, *Espania las Armas, Italia lapluma*. Spain is more for the pike, then the pen, yet they have produc'd some famous lights of the Church, as *Fulgentius, Isidore, Paulus Orosius, Justinian*, and others, and some Rabbies, though of different sect, yet may they have a place in the *Catalogue* of learned men, as Rabbi *David Chimcho*, Rabbi *Abenezra*, and Rabbi *Mases*, and more that might be mention'd.

Now for eminent Doctors in the Civil Law, she hath brought up

no small number, as *Alvarus Valascus Goveanus*, that is confess'd, and approv'd of for the best, and truest interpreter that ever commented upon *Justinian*, *Callixtus* the third, and *Pinellus*.

As for Physick she hath produc'd many that have bin very eminent, as *Garcias ab Horto*, *Averroes* of *Cordova*, *Christopher a Vega*, *Avicenna* of *Sevil*, &c.

Nor hath she bin destitute of Philosophers, witness *Seneca* who transcended, and surpass't all his Predecessors and Posterity hitherto in precepts of morality, & many more that might be mention'd. She hath flourish'd with store of Poets that deserv'd the Bays, as *Silius*, *Italicus*, *Lucan*, and several others that might be specified.

Seneca the Rhetorician was an

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off-spring of their own, who was famous for his tenacious memory and several famous Historians, as well as Orators, *Justinus* the great, *Trogus Pompeus*, *Ludovicus Vives*, *Pomponius Mela*, *Martial Columella*, and *Fabius Quintilianus*. All which, have added very much to the Republick of Literature, and bin famous for their several works now extant: And that you may not think Learning to be a qualification that men are onely adorned withall, you shall find it shine in the contrary sex, for they can boast of one *Aloysia Sigea*, a famous female, *Pallas Alcera*, a second *Minerva*, who was excellently vers'd in five several languages, and those that are the radices of all others, as Latine, Greek, Hebrew, Syriack, and Chaldaick:

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and some of the epistles that *Paul* the third wrote to this *Toledo* virgin, are extant to this very day. That her confines extend incredible, will appear by this, that there are but 360^d in the *Zodiack*, and *Portugal* herself is thought to take up 200. Now it must necessarily follow, that her policy & prudence in governing so many squandred kingdoms, & so great a number of inhabitants, of several humours, constitutions and tempers, must needs be great. The King of *Spain* may *imperare*, but the miracle is, how he makes them *parere*; 'tis not so great a wonder that he governs them, as that he makes them obey, when as we all know that the vulgar are very apt to be rebellious, and raise a mutiny in one single countrey, and yet he makes multitudes of people, and those of several

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veral countreys, bow to his Scepter. And as she is famous for her Government and Policy, she is also eminent for the number of Princes that she hath brought forth, & bestow'd upon other Nations, as well as those that have sway'd the Spanish Scepter; and first she produced *Ferdinand* of *Arragon*, who first founded the Spanish Monarchy, by matching with *Donna Isabella*, queen of *Castile*, and *Philip* the II. who was tearm'd *Philip the Prudent*, by a Parliament in *Spain*, & afterwards solemnly confirm'd by a Consistory at *Rome*: Besides, she hath brought forth Princes to other nations, as *Theodosius* the I. & the first Emperor noted for Morality and Virtue, who rebuilt and raised up the tottering Roman Monarchy: And *Trajan* the Empe-

ror, who had as great a share of Piety, as *Augustus* had of Felicity; as also the Emperor *Hadrian*, and *Ferdinand* the First, who was an Infant of *Spain*; a Prince, who for all Virtues and Qualifications suitable to, and necessary for one of his dignity, came short of none of his Predecessors.

To conclude, and draw to a period: The Spaniard is very much to be commended for his Policy, Prudence, and deliberate Consultations, for his Patience, Gravity, and admirable Choler; his noble, and liberal Disposition; his Valor, Magnanimity, Constancy, and height of Spirit: As for *Spain* her self, she may be term'd *The Exchequer of Christendom*, and the Nurse of stout Champions, who exceeds in Men and Mines, and Arts as well as Arms.

Arms. Her Kings are the longest arm'd Monarchs in the world, who have as many Kingdoms as some have Provinces; as many Fleets, as some have Ships; as many Viceroys, as some Marshals; and as many Capitains by Sea and Land, as others have private Soldiers. Fortune her self may be call'd the King of *Spains* Wife, who hath brought with her such vast Treasures for her Dowry. And thus having given you a taste of her Vices and Vertues, Power and Weakness, Perfection and Imperfection, I lay down my Quill, being come to my *Ne-
utra.*

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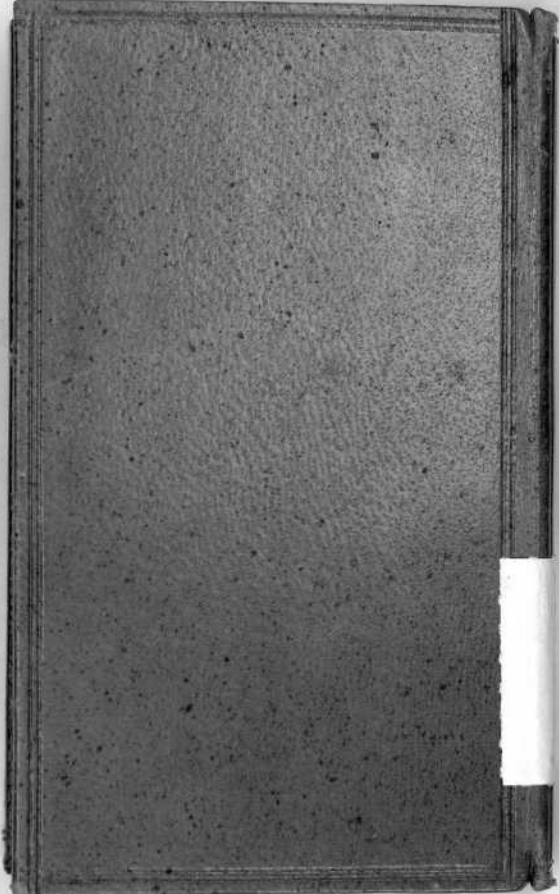
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