

*A Speech made at the General Quarter-Sessions, held for the
County of G---r.*

Gentlemen,

THE worthy Chairman having finish'd his Charge to the Grand Jury, give me leave to discharge my mind to you in a few Words, which I'll do, with as much sincerity, as I have my Duty to my Country,

I thank God, I have been now in P-----t above Ten Years, and hope to sit there as much longer, unless my Constitution fails, or you change your Minds.

You all know I zealously voted for this Government at first; you also know, how I alter'd my Tone, and for what Reasons: I am now come again into the King's interest, and will continue so, as long as 'tis agreeable to mine; for I can with little Violence to Nature serve any Turn, in which I may be serviceable to my self.

I have spoke much, and been well heard in every P-----t, but never with such success as in this; which Gentlemen, Obligeth me to tell you, that 'tis one of the best P-----ts that ever sat in E---d. And you'll be of my Opinion, when you consider what a world of *Private* Business we have dispatch'd: We have in less than Five months Expell'd more M-----rs, Imprisoned greater Numbers of the Subjects, and lodg'd more Imp-----ts than hath been done in Twenty Years before. — And that, with as little Partiality as could be expected from us.

In the *Publick* Affairs, we have done wonders; we have sav'd *Europe* this Year from a great deal of Confusion and Blood; had *Italy* been as near to us as *Flanders*, we would have kept the *Imperialist* as quiet as the *Dutch*.

We Damn'd the Partition Treaty, which was dead before; for Death and Damnation must succeed one another: And tho we have *accus'd* some that had No part in it, and *excus'd* others that had; 'tis justifiable in Politicks, for in all Sham Plots, Witnesses must be pardon'd to countenance a Discovery.

We were intirely for *The Peace of Europe*, but People did not understand it; they only Consider'd the *Letter* but not the *Spirit* of our Vo---s: Submission is the way to Peace, and under an *Universal Monarch*, there must be *Univeral* Peace, and to oppose it, will multiply Taxes and Trouble.

The Trade of the Nation and the Woollen Manufacture were Considerations we avoided; that we might leave it to *France*, when our Subjection is perfect, to assign us so much as is necessary for us: I was my self a little anxious about our Cloath and Drapery, till Count *T---d* assur'd me, that in lieu of it, his Master would furnish us with able Workmen to train up our Clothies in making *Canvas* and *Wooden Shoes*, valuable Commodities, to which *France* owes the Conquest of *Europe*.

The Count is a Man of Honor, you may depend on what he says, and I can assure you, he's a very able Minister: he carries on his Masters Interest with Arguments of the greatest *Weight and Value*; he don't slightly represent things, but touches to the quick, and makes a man *feel* his Reasons, as well as understand 'em; I must confess, I have mightily improv'd my self by his Conversation.

I must say, with deference to the H---s, the Committee of Imp-----ts have most signaliz'd themselves, and if the Lords had been more tractable, we had made a Glorious Campaign: I foresaw the Struggle, and retir'd into the Country; and 'tis well I did, for my Praises came so thick upon me, every Post from *Paris*, I must in modesty have left the Town.

I am sorry, the Lords, in my absence, would not trust me in the Commission of Accounts; 'tis a Post I'd rather choose without a Salary, than any Employment in the Kings Service; our worthy Sp---r knows the excellency of it, and that a good memory, with a little understanding, a stock of Craft with a moderate Sincerity, will carry a man thro it with Honor.

I have been reported, Gentlemen, to be a Person cruel and vindictive, which is plainly a Reproach; I am so tender-hearted, that I have been for saving the most guilty: Witness the Case of Sir *J. F---ck*; yet 'tis my Opinion, that sometimes for State Reasons, the innocent may be condemn'd that those who have bee long in Places, may make room for those that have been long out.

I have been censur'd by most people for the intemperance of my Tongue, which is from a false notion they have of me: I am not actuated by Passion but by Naure, and being brimful of the Spleen, I cannot speak with that soft and agreeable Ayre, a Gentleman ought to do; I only scatter the Splinters of a peevish Carcass, which I let fly at random, against Prince and People, without aim, and without design.

But let the World think what they please, 'tis too late for my Enemies to Triumph over me, for I now enjoy the Satisfaction, that Hero's in all Ages have contended for; I shall live in the Voice of Fame, and be immotal in two Kingdoms, the Annals of *England* will always remember me, and the *French* Historians can never forget *Monsieur Faccou*.

