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M A L I C I O U S and Lying L I B E L ; A G A I N S T

James Maculla's Beneficial Adventure.

THE said *Maculla* wou'd not have thought it worth his while, to take Notice of such a False and Scandalous Paper, but that he believ'd, his Silence might Confirm their Allegations to be True, in the Opinion of those that do not know him: Therefore leaves every Impartial Person to Judge of the Malice and Falshood contained therein, and the Prejudice design'd against Him, it being Publish'd Clandestinely; viz. without either the Undertaker's or Printer's Names; And according to their Dark and Villanous Designs, sent it forth in Obscurity.

They Charge Him in the said L I B E L with Three A R T I C L E S.

First, That he has Over-valu'd his Goods 500 l. 2d, That he gives his Pewter a Nick-Name. 3d, That he calls himself the *Merchant at Cornwall*, the *Manufacturer at London*, and the *Merchant from thence here*; which they alledge to be False, and says, That he only Buys, as other Pewterers do in this City.

The said Articles, or Allegations are Notoriously False: And to the First he Answers, That the Goods in his *Beneficial Adventure* (and not a Lottery as they wou'd have it, as appears by his later Publication at large) are propos'd to be Sold for 956 l. which by (those Under-hand Contriver's) Calculation Amounts to 800 l. Now fully to Demonstrate their unfair Intent, *Observe*, Whether there be 500 l. difference between 800 l. and 956 l. it being only 156 l. And therefore *falsly rated Goods by guess*, which they never saw, and are perfect Strangers to the Value and Weight of them; and some of them now making in *London*, and some from thence on the Road, and also a great Parcel but just Landed, the like Goods never was seen in this Kingdom before, for fineness, and such as is not to be had in any of the Shops here at any Price whatsoever. And also they have Vallu'd them at 30 per Cent less than the first Cost in *London*, which being only Valu'd at the current Price, amounts to the Sum set forth in the said *Adventure*: And further, They tell you of a Cistern and Fountain, that they will Sell for 4l. which is valu'd at 3l. Now that Cistern is not yet in this Kingdom, nor no person do know the Vallue, Weight, or what Mettle it is to be made of, and any Person that will Sell the like, shall have Six Pound Sterl. for the same, and also 400 Copper Tankards, and 400 Sawce-Pans, all at 1s. 6d. a piece, which they say they will Sell for. Now let the Publick Judge, how those Shops have imposed on them in making them pay 2 Shillings 6 Pence a piece for the same, at all times heretofore; but since they say you may have them in any Shop in *Dublin* at those Rates, and be a reasonable Gainer thereby, for that reason let no Person whatsoever give more, for if they do, they may be imposed on, as they set forth. And any that will or can buy them so cheap, let them bring as many as they will, and shall have ready Money for them all at those Rates, provided they be new and Merchanable Goods, such as is to be had in the said *Maculla's* Shop, that he sells for 2s. 6d. and as to Pewter Dishes, they Rate them at 14d. a Pound, which is the principle Goods in the *Adventure*; but that is what this Undertaker Sells them all at to his Customers, and gives them Tickets besides. But to repeat more of their Untruths, this would not Contain it, So the Publick may judge what Deceit there is in all the rest. And contrary to their Untruths, he does, and can afford to Sell his Goods as cheap as any Person in this City; and all he has set Up in his *Adventure*, are, as Fine, Rich, and Valuable, as any that ever was in this Kingdom, and the greatest Part of them made in *London*. The said Goods are to be Disposed of for 7063 *British* Half-Crowns, amounting to 956 l. *And Note*, That the Adventurers are not Oblig'd to take any of the Goods in his *Adventure*, as they are Rated but have Liberty to chuse out such Goods as are in his Shop, and as Cheap as any that are (as good) Sold in *Dublin*, which a great Number of Adventurers have already Experienc'd. Every Person that put into the same (by whom desir'd) had to the Value of 2 s. 6 d. of any Sort they pleas'd, and for every *British* Half-Crown laid out, had a Ticket, with their Goods, whereby they may be Entitled to some one or other of the Prizes, which are; viz. 2s. 6d. 4s. 5s. 6s. 7s. 8s. 9s. 10s. 11s. 12s. 13s. 14s. 15s. 16s. 17s. 18s. 20s. 26s. 30s. 36s. 37s. 40s. 50s. 3l. 8l. 25l. So that every Person that puts in, are sure of one or other of the said Prizes, as at large appears in his said *Adventure*.

Answer to the Second. That the said *Maculla* gives his Pewter a Nick-Name, (but by way of Digression, I hope it may not be amiss to suppose, That the first Original of their Lying Unneighbourly Libel, had it's arise from, one commonly call'd *Old-Nick*; but of this I leave them to be Judges) by calling it *Bismuth Pewter*, with a Design (as they say) to impose on the Publick; but as to *Bismuth*, I will take liberty to say, That their Judgments or Skill have not reach'd the Knowledge of fine Metals; and either was not capable, or did not consult the Learned Authors in Chimistry, as the Hon. Mr. Rob. Boyle, Harris, Limmery, Erckron and Wilson, &c. who all treat of the Nature of *Bismuth*, and some of them largely Describes it, and says, That *Bismuth* is made Use of by the Pewterers, to render their Work more Beautiful, and make their Metal Ring Fine; so that the Publick may reasonably Judge what Artists the base Undertakers of the said Libel are; and according to their Ignorant Sentiments, may justly be deem'd Boches, Tinkers, or understands better to be Hucksters and Coblers, rather than to Nickname that most Noble Art of making fine Pewter.

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This Ingredient (*Bismuth*) is used by the best Artists in *London*; and no *fine Pewter* can be made without *Bismuth*, (of which there are three Sorts, the Chief and only Sort, not commonly known here) at which the Libellers (as they call it a Nickname) are so enraged: And all Pewter truly made with the said *Bismuth*, will Sound, Wear, and look well, which no other Pewter will do, that is not thus prepar'd. And Pewter not so prepar'd, can be bought 2*l.* per Cent. Cheaper in *London*, by Wholesale, and 5*l.* per Cent by Retail, than the said *Bismuth*. And the said *Maculla's* Workmen in *London* being the best Skill'd, and truly acquainted with the Nature and Use of *Bismuth*, who has stamp'd on the finest Sort he has from thence, **L O N D O N B I S M U T H P E W T E R**: Which in its best Perfection, as made in *London*, is to be Sold at the said *Maculla's* Shop, in *Back-Lane, Dublin*, who will make it appear, That the discreet Libellers are very much mistaken in their (Word) Nickname; And farther, That he has not, nor never Designs to Impose on the Publick, as is Maliciously and Basely Suggested in the said Libel: Therefore He desires him or them to put his or their Name or Names to that Scandalous Paper, that He and the Publick may know, who he is Treating with, on this Subject, in order to give them Satisfaction, and do himself Justice.

To the Third he Answers. That the Libellers having Suggested, That the said *Maculla* says on the Back-side of his Lottery-Bill, that he is the Merchant at *Cornwal*, the Manufacturer at *London*, and a Merchant from thence; and that he only Buys, as other Pewterers do's; which is a notorious Untruth, by reason that there never was any such Allegation on the Back-side of a Lottery-Bill of his; but owns, that there was such on the back-side of his Beneficial Adventure, and for Testification Affirms, that he is the Merchant, Manufacturer and Retailer as he did set forth, and has his Goods at the best Hand, and does not Buy his Goods as most of the Pewterers do's; for, he can Sell his Goods to them or any other Person, as cheap as they can buy them, and be a reasonable Gainer thereby, He having been in all the principal Places in *England*, where the said Goods are Made, Bought, and brought thence hither; and hath settled such a Correspondence in that Kingdom, that he can sell as cheap as the Merchants here.

Now, the said *Maculla* (on solid Advice) being inform'd that the Undertakers of this scandalous Libel are Punishable by Law; and it being such a Piece of undigested Nonsense, and a perfect Contradiction in it self, and stuff'd with such malicious Lies, that any Person, (if he were not a Bedlamite) wou'd be asham'd to be guilty of the like. But Reader, pity their Case, since they could not cast up the Total of that most Learn'd Account. They give in their Wise and Ever to be Remembred Libel, where their Truths are display'd into 500 *l.* And *Bismuth*, their Nick-name, must now launce forth into the World; and the Merchant must search for the Authors Names among those Rich, Great, and Plentiful Shops that Sells so Cheap, but they are vanished with the Authors into Oblivion, so that the Reader must be at a Loss to find them out.

Bismuth, is, a Rich Compound,
That Botches Senses doth Confound,
By Under-valuing Goods 500 Pound.

The Truth of which, the Merchant doth
In his Recitals, here set Forth:
But go on, and you will see
The Libeller's Cause of Malady.

L O N D O N B I S M U T H P E W T E R.

Opposite to the Sign of the Spinning-Wheel in Back-Lane, Dublin; Liveth James Maculla, Pewterer.

WHO has just now arriv'd here from *London*, the greatest Choice that ever was brought into this Kingdom; viz. The *Barb-Metal*, which is very like Gold, and much superior in goodness, value, and for lasting, than any made in this Kindom, viz. Soupe-Spoons, Table-Spoons, Knives, Knife-Hafts, Forks, Difart Knives and Hafts, Forks, Spoons, Tea-Spoons, Sleeve Buttons, some round, some square, some flat, some oval, Shooe-Buckels of divers sorts, Candlesticks, Sword-Hilts. The *Silver'd Ware*, viz. Salvers, Tankards, Candlesticks, Sconces, Snuffers, and Boxes. The *White-Metal*, viz. Candlesticks, some round, some square, some eight-square, some all square; also Snuffers and Boxes, Cans, Tankards, Poringers, Cups, Salts, Spoons, Forks, Hafts, Tea-Kettles, Tea-Pots, some all square, all with Lamps and Frames, Sauce-Pans, Cisterns, some plain, some oval, some scollopt, Muntafs, Punch-Bowls, Fountains, Sets of Casters, with Frames for Oil, Vinegar, Sugar, Pepper, Mustard, Shaving-Bafons and Euers, Plate-warmers, Machins, Soupe-Spoons, Wax-Candlesticks, Sets of Branches for Candles, Chamber-pots, Chocolate-Pots, Coffee-Pots, Bells or Covers for Dishes, Canasters, Sconces for Chimneys, Coffee Frames for Dishes, Church-Flagons, Communion-Cups, Rummer Punch-Bowls, and Decanter-Stands. The *Bismuth-Pewter*, viz. Dishes and Plates of all sorts the newest Fashion, Salvers, Sweet-Meat-Frames, and divers sorts of other Particulars, All which is made of a Composition of fine Metal, which will not easily bruise nor batter, and will scower white and fine, and last many Years. There is also Candle-Moulds of all sorts, made of Block-Tin.

These are therefore to give Notice, To all Persons of Quality and Others, That the said Goods will be immediately Exposed to Sale: Together with a great quantity of Brass and Pewter not here mentioned, Part of the same Japan'd fine; and will be Disposed of for a less Price than usually Sold for, and Cheaper than any other Person can afford to bring them into this Kingdom. The said Goods are made by the greatest Artists in *England*; and are the finest that hath been known to be brought into this Kingdom; and are in much Request by the Quality of Great-Britain. The said *Maculla* will Exchange any of the said Goods for Old Brass and Pewter, to suit the Conveniency of those that Deal with him.

The said Goods may be had in the Beneficial Adventure, where every Person that puts into it a British Half-Crown, shall have for the same to the full Value of 2*s.* 6*d.* of any of the aforesaid Goods, or any other sort in the said Shop, besides their Chance of 3 Hundred Pounds which is divided into High Prizes, for the Benefit of such Adventures, as may appear more at Large in the said Adventure that is lately Published in this City, and all such as intend to put into it, are desired to hasten the same toward a speedy completing thereof. All which will be fairly and justly done, by,

JAMES MACULLA

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