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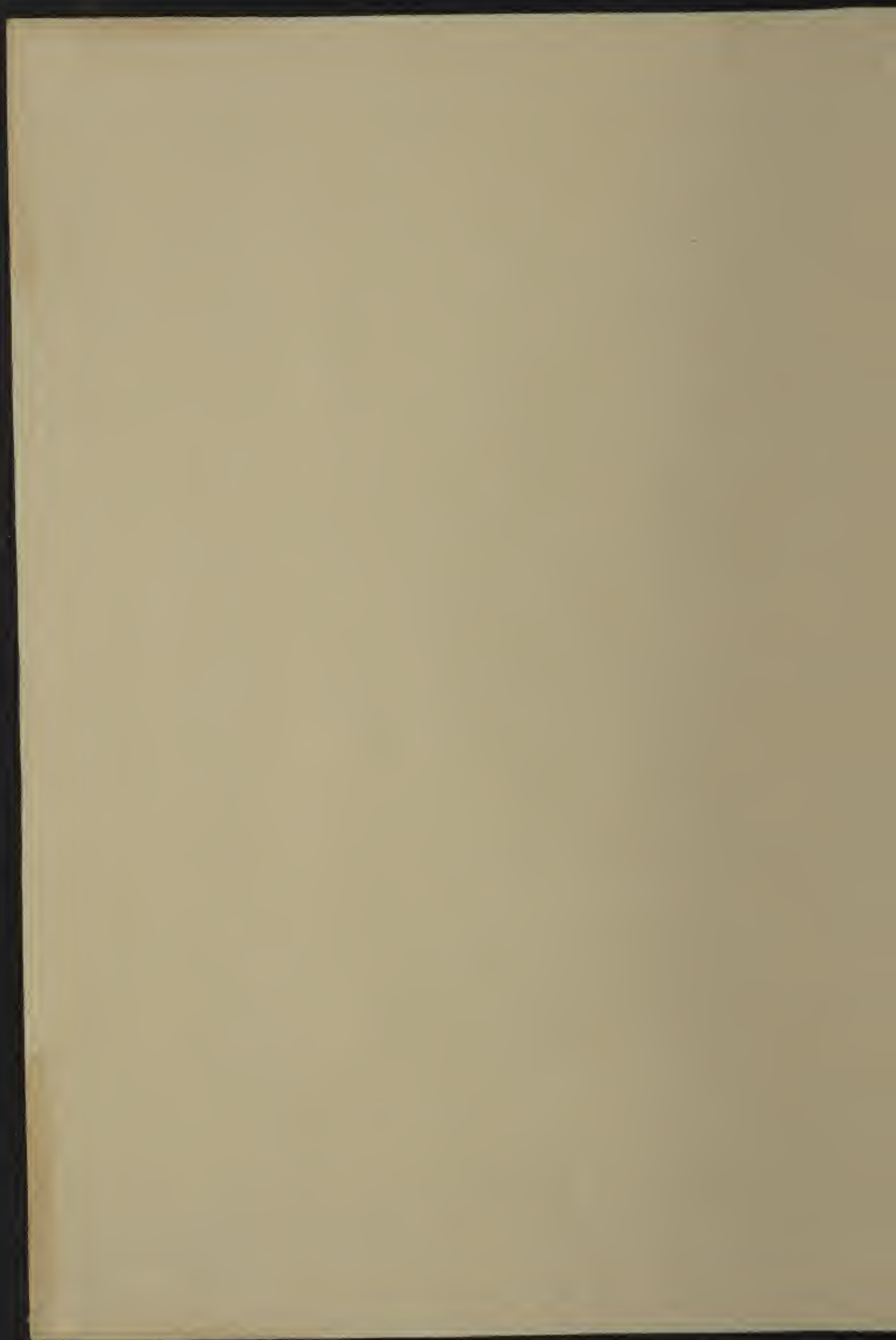






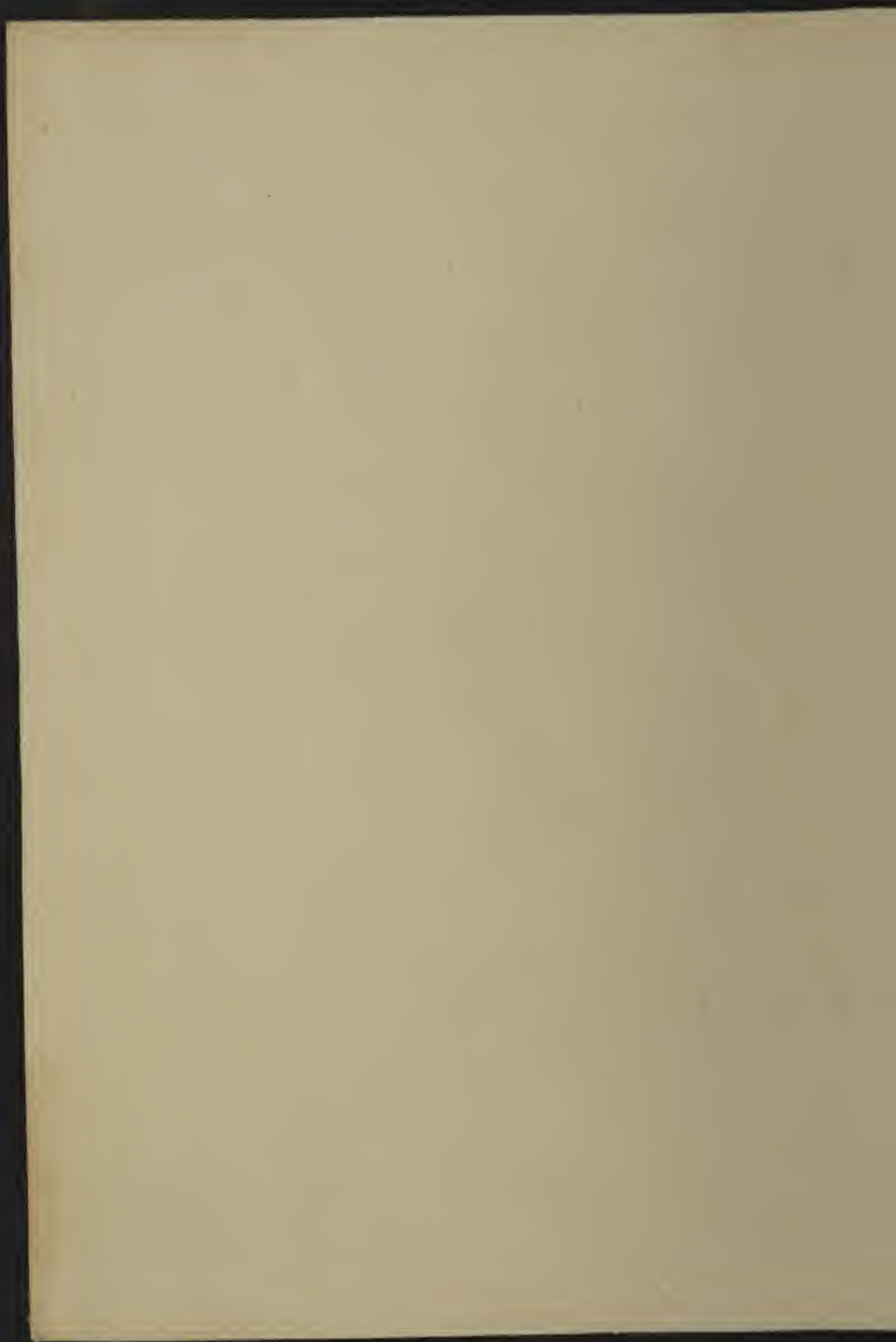
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The Just and Pious

# SCORPIONIST:

OR THE

# NATIVITY

Of that thrice Excellent Man

## Sir Matthew Hales,

Late Lord Chief Justice of *England*.

Who was born in the Year of our Lord 1609.  
on *Wednesday, Novemb. the first, 7<sup>h</sup> 8' mane,*  
Under the Cœlestial Scorpion:  
Astrologically consider'd,

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By *JOHN GADBURY,*  
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————— Sapiens dominabitur Astris.

Si quis animas & corpora humana fatalibus Stellis credit astringi,  
sicut Pagani & Priscillianus dixerunt, Anathema sit. *Conc. Brac.*

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To the Honest and Intelligent

# R E A D E R .

**T**hat I present thee with the following Geniture, it is partly to illustrate the Horoscope thereof; and partly to let the World plainly see the vanity and daring of those ignorant and malicious Pens, that are constantly darting forth their Arrows of Envy against all Persons drawing their breath under the same. As if the Signs of Heaven had an uncontrollable Influence to enforce Men to Good or Evil! and that We were by Original appointment left destitute of Power, and freedom of Will to oppose their Energie; but born the Slaves of Fate and Destiny, to wear their Fetters; and go no further than they permit us a Chain, and condemned so (by our Stars) to remain and continue, even against the very Principles of Natural Light, Reason and Religion.

Had I conceiv'd it necessary, I could have published the Genitures of sundry Princes and Potentates, &c.

## To the Reader.

born under the Sign Scorpio, (beyond what I have done already in my *Obsequium Rationabile*) but this one Instance, in the Birth of so excellent a Man, I deem sufficient; He being so well known (by his Vertues) to the whole English World; and a Person without exception, as well in his Principles as Practices, that a more apt and positive Example cannot be produced. And I hope that no one (once having perused this Nativity) will be so idly impudent hereafter, as to charge Scorpio as the most vicious Sign in the Heavens.

If what Divine Seneca says be true,---- That we abuse our selves when we think Vices are born with us, and that they do not rather steal upon us, and so come to be ingested in us.---- It must needs be a grand Error, to make the Signs of Heaven, under which we are born, chargeable with our Crimes and Misdemeanors. For it is no fair or rational proof, that any Sign is naturally capable of producing vice and ill habits, because it happens sometimes, that ill People are born under it: sith such an Argument would conclude cost and dammage against the whole Mazzaroth, or Twelve Signs: there having been ill Persons born under every one of them; as is very easie to be evinced.

Nor

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Nor yet is it any valid or convincing Testimony, against the worth and vertue of Scorpio, that some Ancient as well as Modern Authors have spoken ill thereof; since some of both have argued friendly for it. And it is not hard to believe, that an Astrologer may be byassed by Interest, as well as a Professor of any other Science: our own Age affording us most eminent proofs thereof.

Would you know how Scorpio came to be reputed of sharp Influence? It was not from any innate venefique Principle therein lodged, but because it was observed commonly to bring the first tydings of the cold and dismal Winter; And for this reason Antiquity hath added a Sting to it: Winter being the destruction of Vegetables, and the death of all outward Comforts. But was this, think you, for the Sign's sake, or for the Seasons, in which the Sun enters into that Sign, that Scorpio was thus termed? the sharp cold Weather, as his Austral Declination, then notably increasing: And, that you may be farther convinced, that this Office of first bringing news of the approaching Winter, is not entailed upon Scorpio by Patent, let it be considered,---That in August last year, viz. 1676. the Fall of Leaf began. And, as I am informed by a Learned Divine of this Nation, (viz. Mr.

## To the Reader.

Mr. Butler, *Author of Christologia*) about 30 Years since, it did the same: which he attributes to some peculiar Influence of Saturn's being in Taurus. So that you see Virgo can prove as prejudicial to humane Felicities, (and to humane Life also) as Scorpio, and yet neither of them may have power of themselves to enforce these things. The Passive Flint never yields any Fire, but when it is struck against the Active Steel.

Besides, should we admit it for an unquestionable Verity, that Scorpio were always destin'd to be the Harbinger of the Winter's cold Frosts and Gloominess, &c. (which you see it is not) Must it therefore follow, that it hath a power to freeze up the Spirit of Vertue and Religion in us too? This is a Non-sequitur with a witness! and every Apothecary can shew the absurdity thereof: In that the most stinging Frost that the envious Winter is able to produce, cannot prey upon Spirits or Essences. The nobler part of Man hath a priviledge above the Stars; his brutish part is only liable to their Influences; and he may secure that Fort from them also, if Reason do but interpose.---For, *Astra non necessitant, sed inclinant.*

Yet a little further: Let but the unsatisfied in these  
Matters



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Matters consult the Globe, and there they'l find that the Cœlestial Ballance is placed in Scorpio; as if Justice it self did delight to quarter in that Particular Dodecatemoria. And should we estimate things according to their Emblems, it were very easie to prove, --- That Scorpio doth inherit the Librarian Vertues, and Sagittarius is vested with the Vices said to belong to the Scorpion. But, this were to play at Push-pin with Astrology, and make sport with the most glorious part of the Creation, to the great dishonour of God and the Stars.

But alas! Astrology fostereth many hard-favour'd-Brats, which have no legitimate relation to the Truth of that Noble Art. Direct Falshoods, masked with seeming Verities, are to be found within her Pallaces, viz. (1.) As that Children born upon a New or Full Moon, are not long vital. (2.) That Saturn on the Ascendent, is an absolute Argument of short Life. (3.) That Saturn with Spica Virginis induceth beggery. (4.) That Venus joyn'd to Mercury, sub Radiis Solis, menaceth Castration. (5.) That Persons are generally improsperous who have their Moon void of Course. (6.) That Saturn in the Mid-heaven destroyeth Honour, Fame, &c. -- All which I assert to be so far from being absolute certain-

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certainties, that there is scarce one of them, that (of it self, singly) is so: And, ought therefore to be exploded, and banished the Pale and Court of True Astrology; together with the common bruited-Opinion of Scorpio's being naturally vicious; Virgo's being essentially Barbarous; Mars's being joyn'd to Mercury, making the Man's name Matthew.

Neither let any Ingenious Astrologer think that I hereby intend to lessen, much less to destroy Astrology, but rather to improve it; because I like well of the Wine of this worthy Science, shall I be compel'd to drink the dregs too? I know that the Principles of the Art are Just and True. But the Superstructures that have been by Parasites, and other partial Students raised or built upon them, hath been of such rotten, defiled, and deceitful Stuff, that all sober Artifts must judge it an excellent Service done to the Truth, if they were wholly destroyed.

And the Garden of this chief and worthy Science, once well weeded, we might then be in hopes to find growing and thriving therein, such an admirable variety of Flowers of Truth and Certainty, that the Orchard of no other Art (though never so happily and neatly cultivated) can ever be able to boast of. For, it is the Divine Urania! and, she alone! that is the Mistress and Queen of all Natural Sciences.

Brick-Court by the Deans-  
yard, Westminster.

John Gadbury.



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# SCORPIONIST.

O R,

The Nativity of that Excellent Man Sir Matthew Hales, late Lord Chief Justice of England; who was born ♀ Novemb. 1 d. 7 h. 8 m. A. M. 1609. in the Latitude of 52 d. North.

**T**He Planets places, at the time of this worthy Natives Birth, are as followeth, out of the Ephemerides of *David Origanus*, with Reduction considered.

<i>Longitudo Planetarum.</i>				<i>Latitudo Planetarum.</i>					
☉	— 18	53	m	}	☽	— 04	34	} Meridional.	
☿	— 14	26	♂		☽	— 00	07		
♁	— 21	24	♁		♃	— 01	24		
♂	— 06	16	♁		}	♂	— 00	13	} Septentrional.
♃	— 18	40	♂			♀	— 01	54	
♁	— 24	44	♂			♀	— 02	24	Meridional.
♀	— 06	10	♂						
♁	— 07	18	♂						

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*Antiscia*

*Antiscia Planetarum.*

☉	—	11	07	—	♊
☽	—	15	34	—	♋
♁	—	23	44	—	♌
♂	—	11	20	—	♍
♆	—	05	16	—	♎
♀	—	23	50	—	♏
♃	—	22	44	—	♐

<i>Ascentio Recta</i>	}	<i>Solis</i>	—	226	05
		<i>Temporis Substr.</i>	—	73	00
		<i>Medii Cæli</i>	—	153	05
<i>Ascentio Obliqua Horoscopi</i>			—	243	05

For the Cusp of the Mid-heaven.

<i>Proximè</i>	}	<i>Major</i>	154	01	02	<i>Ascent.R.</i>	153	05
		<i>Minor</i>	153	04	01		<i>Arc.Min.</i>	153
			0	57	01		0	01

If 57' give 60'; what will 1' give? Answer, 1'.  
 which added to the lesser degree, leaves the Cusp of  
 the *Medium Cæli* in the Ecliptick in ♎ 1° 1'.

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For the Cusp of the Horoscope in the Latitude of Birth.

Proxime	}	Major	243	12	m	14	Ascent.O.	243	05
		Minor	241	46	13	Arc.Min.	241	46	
			1	26		1		1	19

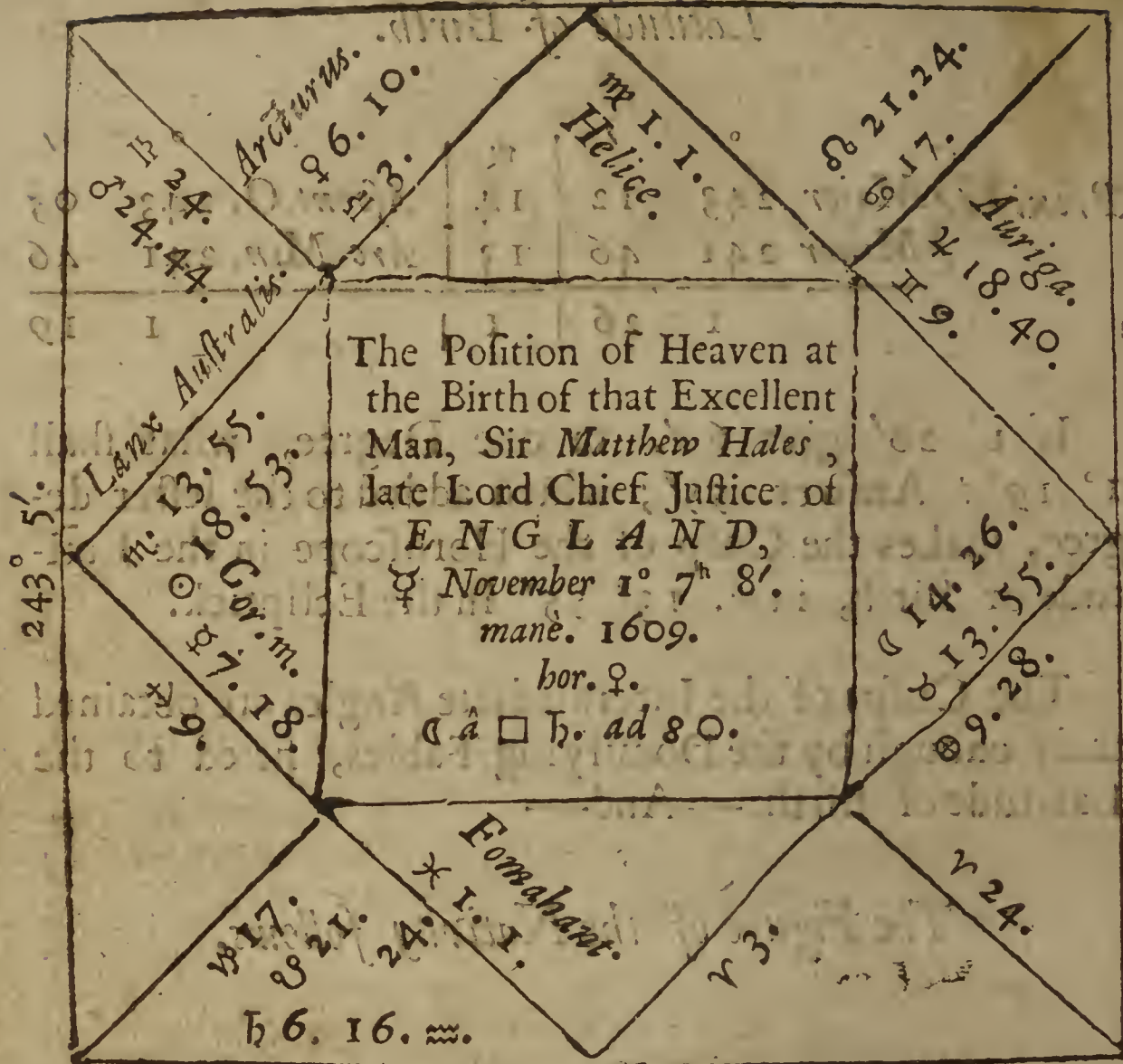
If 1° 26' give 60', or one Degree, what shall 1° 19' ? Answer, 55'; which added to the lesser degree, makes the Cusp of the Horoscope in the Latitude of Birth, in m. 13° 55' in the Ecliptick.

The Cusps of the Intermediate Angles are obtained truly enough by the Domifying Tables, fitted to the Latitude of Birth.—And—

The Figure of the Nativity follows.

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Judicium



*Judicium Astrologicum.*

It is eminently observable, that all the Angles of the Figure are adorned with eminent Constellations, viz.

The Stars of *Helice* are Culminant in the Mid-Heaven.

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The *South Ballance*, and the *Sun*, arising in the Horoscope.

The *Pleiades* setting with the *Moon* in the West-Angle.

The glorious Star *Fomahant* in the North-Angle ;

A Star (which the Learned *Gardan* saith) bestows

Immortality upon Mortal Men.

And most of the Planets are, not only very powerful in the Scheme, but near great Fixed Stars also, viz.

*Jupiter*, is near the Stars of *Auriga*, and *Orion*.

*Mars*, with the *Virgins Spike*, a glorious Star.

*Venus* is plac'd with the Star *Arcturus*.

*Mercury*, is in Conjunction of the *Scorpions Heart*.

It is a glorious Scheme of Heaven, both in the parts thereof, and in the whole : Of which more anon.

*A Table of the Dignities of the Planets in this great Persons Nativity.*

☉		Strong		9	
☽		Strong		16	
♃		Strong		18	
♄		Strong		2	
♅	is	Strong	by	9	Testimonies.
♆		Strong		20	
♇		Strong		21	
♁		Strong		8	

1. *Of the Almutens, or Lords of the Geniture.*

From this Collection of *Testimonies*, it is apparent, that there are not less than four Planets contending and notably striving for the Dignity of *Almuten*, or Dominator over this Learned Natives Inclinations, Manners, Actions, Affections, and Passions, *viz.* *Mercury, Venus, Saturn, and the Moon*: And a fifth, also, will not be debar'd a share in the Dominion thereof, the *Sun*, I mean. And by these five Planets, generally, was this excellent Native Influenced all his Life time.

First, There was Conspicuous in him, the Learning, Dexterity, Apprehension, and Ingenuity of *Mercury*. And Men of great Places (such as this Natives were) had need of strong and powerful *Mercuries*. Persons of mean Souls, are not capable of being employed, or fit to be entrusted in Lofty Matters.

— This Honourable Native had a *Mercury* fortunate in earnest, though in *Sagittarius*: [ Which tells me, that *Astrologers* are Arbitrary, and impose upon the World, when they assign Imbecillity, or Male-effects to Planets, simply, for being in Detriment, and not regarding other assistances. Besides, we know it for a certain truth, — That a Man may be as free in the House of another, with whom he hath a fair and noble Reception, as if he were in his own, and had all his Tenants about him, paying to him the greatest Fealty  
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and Homage.] *Mercury* is here, not only near a Kingly fixed Star, and in a glorious Reception of *Jupiter*, befriended by the kind beams of *Saturn* and *Venus*; which, as *Astrologers* tell us, naturally inclines Men to be Just, Prudent, Honest, and to be of Praiseworthy and Upright preserving Principles. It shews Men propense to the study of the Law, and Theologie, and to all good Literature; and declares such Natives to be eminent pursuers of Justice and Goodness, and to be remarkably serviceable to their Prince, and to the People they shall live among. As an afflicted *Mercury* shews turbulent, disturbant spirited Persons, and promoters of Mischief and Discord; so an assisted and fortunate *Mercury*, denotes quiet; worthy, and peaceable Natures, abettors to Amity, Friendship, and Concord, and to all generous and laudable Actions among Men; all which was true in this Native.

Such a happy *Mercury* doth likewise make Excellent Poets, Orators, Philosophers, &c. And, was not this great Native all this? For his Oratory, the World sufficiently was acquainted herewith, from all his Excellent, Legal Orations, made on the Judgment Seat. For his Philosophy, let his Learned Labours emitted into the World, be given in Evidence. For his admirable acquaintance with the Rules and Measures of Poetry; let his many Divine Poems made upon the Birth of our ever Blessed Saviour's Birth-Day, be a Testimony and Proof, how excellently well he understood that *Seraphique Science*.

2. The *Sun* cannot be excluded from bearing a share considerable in the Honour and Dignity of *Atmuten* in this Nativity; because he is so happily posited in the Ascendant. —*Sol in Horoscopo— tribuit Dominium super alios, & Authoritatem, Honores, Dignitatesque à Principibus, &c.* The *Sun*, in any Geniture, being posited in the East-Angle, generally gives Honour, Authority and Dignity, from Kings and Princes, and fits Men for Rule and Dominion over the meanner sort of People. He declares such Natives to be of excellent Prudence and Judgment, Honour, Gravity, Affability, Courtesie, and Cheerfulness; and signifies them to be great observers of their Promises, haters of all Sordid, Base, and Dishonourable things. All which Excellencies did shine in this our *Pious Scorpionist*. The *Sun*, like Truth, *non querit angulos*, disdains to lurk in Corners. And such Persons that will perform brave and noble things, must have the *Sun* for their Friend. For all Actions of Honour and Gallantry, of publick Worth and Generosity, do naturally derive from the *Sun*. —If therefore thou findest in any Geniture, the Luminaries free and powerful (no matter, though they be in Conjunction or Opposition of each other; for that is another fraudulent Aphorism in *Astrologie*, which Charactereth such Configurations, without exception, bad: As I shall elsewhere have occasion to demonstrate) thou mayst certainly pronounce that Native, who hath them so in his Geniture, to be of a generous and worthy Mind and Spirit, scorning mean and ignoble things; dis-

disdaining to be the Author of Mischiefs, or Prejudices to any Man: but rather covetous and ambitious to do all sorts of People good; the Native is never well at ease, but when he is scattering of Courtesies and Benefits among others. *All which was admirably verified in this generous Native.*

The *Sun* is disadvantaged himself, when he is Obnubilated, and hindred from discovering his glorious Rays: But when he is enabled to appear in his Native Claritude, he is Glorious in earnest. —And what doth he then? —Ask the whole Creation, and not the Rational and Sensitive parts thereof only, whether he doth not Pride himself in being nobly kind and beneficial unto all things?

It is true; the *Sun*, as *Seneca* says, doth draw his nourishment from the Earth: Yet, like a good King, who receives a Tribute or a Tax from his Subjects, is never quiet, until he find a way to divide and scatter it among them again.— The *Sun*, or *Solar Person*, is too noble and generous minded, to be a Hoarder; he hates Avarice, and bequeaths it to his opposite, close-fisted *Saturn*. His Treasury is always open. He is better pleas'd with the Fork, than the Rake.

The *Sun* (saith *Haly*) *Est Planeta magni Domini, Potentia, Nobilitatis, &c.* He is a Planet of great Dominion, Power, and Nobility; and therefore *Astrologers* do reasonably signifie under him, Kings, Princes, Potentates, and the most worthy and honourable of Men. He telleth us further, that the *Sun* is *melior*

& nobilior omnibus aliis Planetis, & in nobilitate clarior: And he gives this reason for his being so, in these words. — *Quia natura sua operatur in omnibus naturis, & nulla naturarum aliarum operatur in eo.* He is, — *Lumen & Candela Cæli, Gubernator Mundi, Factor Temporum, &c.* The Light and Candle of Heaven, Lord of the World, and Distinguisher of Times and Seasons. How aptly therefore are the worthiest of Persons attributed to the *Sun*? And how happy are they, when so particularly signified by him? As this our Learned Native was.

Well might the famous *Plutarch* term the *Sun*, *The Image of God*; And, the Learned Author of *Religio Medici*, stile him, *The Visible Deity*. For we experimentally know, his Image upon Earth, (I mean a Man born under him, as was this worthy Judg, in a great Degree) is ever aiming at Noble, Virtuous, and Worthy things. I could produce Instances almost infinite of this truth, were it needful. But since it is a Verity nearly as Conspicuous and Glorious as the *Sun* it self, — That Persons Born under the *Sun*, (well Dignified, as in this Geniture) or such as have the *Sun* for significator of their Manners, Inclinations, &c. are propense naturally to Just and Honourable things, &c. I conceive it stands in need of no proof. — If any Worthy and Learned *Astrologer* think it do, I let him, and the whole World know, that this Reverend and Learned Judg, had the *Sun* so to friend at his Birth: And accordingly did shine to the

*English*

*English* Nation in all the Characters of Honour, Goodness, and Magnanimity.

3. The gentle Planet *Venus*, had a share likewise in the significations of this honourable *Scorponist's* Actions, Temper, &c. And her sweet and curious Influences were eminently visible in him.— Not a Person frequenting *Westminster Hall*, and observing his Method and Demeanor in his dispensing of Justice, but is able to make *Affidavit* of this excellent Natives sweetness of Temper and Disposition: Of his great Patience and Gentleness: Of his readiness to hear the meanest Plaintiff or Defendant that came before him for Relief.

In his Place, and on his Seat of Justice, a *Pauper* was as much his Care, as the greatest Man in the Kingdom; he was always ready to help the Helpless, and to assist the Distressed. His gentleness of Humour did more convince People that were in the wrong, than his Power. And his Patience wrought better Effects upon the Perverse and Obstinate, than his Authority, or the Sword he bore for the Punishment of Offenders.

But, if you would see a larger and more ample Copy of his Mind, read his *Contemplations*, those excellent Discourses, which were his private Meditations, wherein he breath'd forth his soul to God; with whom a just Man dares not dissemble.— And there you'l find much more of the Gentleness, Sweetness, and Affability of his Temper, Humour, and Disposition, than I am able to express: Or, it may be, than

his *Stars* are fully able to declare. — For, though they discover great and illustrious Things of him, yet there were greater things in him, than his *Stars* alone could own.

And I am of Opinion, that there is somewhat which moves the *Stars* in the Generation of Mankind, ( especially of Good and Pious Men ) of greater Influence than they, *viz.* *The Spirit of God.* From which Spirit, ( and not singly from his *Horoscope*, as the *Fatists* teach ) Man became a Rational Creature. And, if Reason be a spark of the Deity, ( which *Hermes Trismegistus* affirms in his *Divine Pymander*: Nay, the holy Evangelist St. *John* seemeth to say the same, *Chap. 1.* ) Man hath thereby a better Title to his Dominion and Lordship over the Creation, than all the *Stars* in the Heavens could afford him; he being *Jure Divino*, a Governour thereof, as Created in the Image of God. And so I have done with the significations of the mild and gentle Planet *Venus*, in the Nativity of this our thrice Learned Native.

4. Nor were the Influences of *Saturn* well dignified, mean, or inconspicuous in this great Man's Geniture. For it is very obvious to every discerning Artist, that he had interspersed throughout all his Actions and Expressions, the great Judgment, Gravity, Wisdom and Sobriety, which that sober Planet is Author of: He had an admirable Memory, profound Cogitations, and Conceptions, &c. which mixed with the excellent significations of a happy *Mercury*, before spoken of, gave him so great and deserved

an esteem in the Breasts of the People: Infomuch, that all Men would willingly commence their Suits in that Court where he sat Judge: And, many of them who had begun in other Courts, would frequently appeal to him, and remove their Causes accordingly.

Good Lawyers coveted to Plead before him, and refer themselves unto him; as knowing, that where a Wise and Learned Man was to direct to the conclusion of a Difference, their Reasons and Arguments would never be neglected, but made the best use of, for a discovery of the Truth, and for the honour and security of Justice. But, as Good Men coveted to be Judged by him, so Bad Men would flie his *Award*, and rather chuse to comprimise their Differences, than stand to his Determination and Judgment. As knowing him to be an Encourager of Truth and Justice, and an utter Enemy to Fraud and Falshood; and so in no wise fit for their turns.

Dost thou think (good Reader) that the great *Trine* of *Saturn* and *Venus*, and the same glorious Configuration between *Mars* and *Jupiter*, and *Saturns* platique *Trine* to *Jove*, together, with the fortunate *Mercury*, as before; are not of excellent signification? They are great and famous Positions, I assure thee: And declar'd this renowned Native to be blessed with a Spirit of Discerning; and with so great a portion of Judgment, Reason, and Courage too, (for a Coward dares not to be vertuous, cannot be so) that as he was thereby armed intellectually for  
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to dispense Justice rightly, and discover Truth nimbly: So he was provided also with an *Amulet* of Praise-worthy, and Honest-policy; to prevent his being cheated with a Fallacy. He would search a crafty Cause, as a skilful Chirurgeon a dangerous Wound, *viz.* to the bottom, and discover the Corruption thereof to the owners shame and blushing.

I could relate sundry Stories of his Dextrous Sagacity, did I hold it requisite or needful; or, yet believe, that I have not said enough to prove,— That this worthy Man had an eminent share in the Influence of *Saturn* (well dignified) in him. To conclude this Point, His *Saturn* is assisted by *Venus*, and his *Mercury* by *Jupiter* and *Venus* — And if the Fortunes in any Geniture, can befriend the significators of Wit and Judgment, then this Honourable Native had a great advantage in both those intellectual Weapons, above most Men by his *Stars*.

5. Lastly, We come to the *Moon*, for she hath a share in the Gubernation of this worthy Natives Inclinations, Actions, &c. together with the others mentioned. For, she is herein, not only Angular, but in her Exaltation too. *A Planet in his Exaltation*, saith Bethem, *is as a Person in his Castle or strong Hold, and is of admirab'e Influence.* The *Moon* signifies the Commonalty generally: And if *Vox Populi*, be *Vox Dei*, the love and respect of the Common People, is to be preferred as eminently worthy: It was from the *Moons* strength and Angularity, as well as the *Suns*, (though I say not so much as his) that this  
Native



Native had so popular a Fame and Esteem attending him; and she is in this Geniture a Copartner with the Sun in the presages of Popularity and Authority. The Holy Scripture characters her for a Great Light, made by God in the beginning. And such an one she is, truly, in respect of us, though not in her self, as the *Doctrine of Astronomy* teaches.

The Books of Genehliacal Astrology, relating to Honour, Fame, and Esteem, abound with Instances of the *Moon*, and her Significations therein.

That pious, yet valiant Prince, King *Edward* the Third of *England*, had his *Moon* so posited; and his Geniture, in many respects, was like this most excellent Natives.

I need not quote many Instances and Authorities for the proof of a thing so commonly and famously known.

This Nativity is rather fit for to stand as a President, or Touch-stone, to prove others by, than to need a proof from any: Albeit, you see, that there wants not some Genitures of the greatest among Men to parallel it.

I remember to have read somewhere, That a Man of great Learning, perusing the Works of *Virgil*, was pleased to say, — That if all the Books in the World should be destroyed, and *Virgil* only remaining, there would some *Vestigia* of all Sciences be found therein: Certain I am, that if all the Nativities of worthy Men, that are to be found among the Writings of Astrologers should be consumed, and this one of our  
Reverend

Reverend Natives only remaining, there would be Arguments enough of Vertue and Honor, of Justice, Wisdom, and Piety found therein, as would serve to build up the whole *Genethliacal Doctrine* again, so far as Vertue and Honor, &c. are therein concerned. And so I conclude my Discourse of the *Almutens*, or Governors in this *Geniture*. I shall be briefer in the other parts of the Schem.

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## 2. Of the Hylech in this Nativity.

From the *Almutens*, we descend to a consideration of the *Hylech*, or giver of Life. And in this great Worthy's Nativity, the *Sun* is the Planet which so governs, as being placed in the *Horoscope*, the prime *Aphetical* Angle of the whole Figure, and the *Geniture* being neerly Diurnal. And, as the Sun, just rising, was the giver of Life, so he did confer on this Excellent Native a splendid, clear, and spotless one. — Such a Life! that nothing but the greatest Envy dares pretend, in the least measure, to tax or blemish. And yet this Reverend Native has *Scorpio* for his *Horoscope*, and the *Sun* (that glorious Lamp and Light of Honor and true Worth) posited therein.

What shall we say? Either the Sign *Scorpio* is not so wicked as some People pretend it; or if it be, the Sun by his *Horoscopical* presence in this just Man's  
 Nativity,

Nativity, was able to dispel the Fogs and Clouds of Prejudice that are presumed naturally to attend it. Which, if allowed, it will then follow, that *Scorpio* hath no native Vice belonging to it, (for *Essences* cannot be permuted, the *Leopard* and his *Spots* must keep together) nor is it so bad, but that it can admit of a mitigation, possibly a total alteration, from what some proclaim it chargeable withal, by an innate right and property.

And, if an allay, in any sence, be permitted as proper to the Sign *Scorpio*, may we not reasonably indulge the same to any other Sign of the *Zodiack*? — And then, who is there that will doubt, but that we may be enabled to find a Native born under the just Sign *Libra*, to be as vicious as any to be found brought into the World under the wicked Sign *Scorpio*? & *è contra*. And if we come once to have it allow'd, that the Signs of the *Zodiack*, as they become the Horoscopes of Men, may submit in their significations to other more prevalent Causes; The Consequence is unavoidable, and I aver it for a splendid and fixed Truth, — That a very vertuous Man may be born under *Scorpio*, and a very vicious Man under *Libra* or *Pisces*.

These Circumstances being consider'd, (as they must be, or else *Astrologie* is no *Science*, but a meer *System* of Folly, Idleness, and Confusion) then may that excellent humane Sign of *Aquarius*, produce as wicked, as envious, and ungrateful a Nature, (supposing the *Moon* in quadrate of *Saturn*, and *Mars* in the seventh  
D Angle)

Angle) as any other Sign whatsoever.— Can any *Astrologer* give me a just Reason to the contrary?

But this *Theam* is handled more largely in my *Obsequium Rationabile, or Defence of Scorpio*; unto which Book I refer my Reader, as being unwilling to enter upon any thing of Controversie, in this place especially. And thus much shall serve for the *Hylech*.

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### 3. Of the *Alchocoden*, or *Giver of Years*.

The *Alchocoden*, or Giver of the Number of Years, the Native might (according to Natural Causes) Live, or Arrive unto, is the vigorous Planet *Mars*; as being not only Dispositor of the *Sun*, who is *Hylech*, but of the *Horoscope* also: So that you see, he claims to be Governor of the Years of the Natives Life by a double Prerogative, and therefore must have the Honour thereof. And he being so considerably strong, and near to the *Virgins Spike*, an eminent fixed Star of the first Magnitude, of noble Nature and Influence; and also in a happy Trine Aspect of the benign Planet *Jupiter*: All which did very naturally portend this Renowned Native to arrive unto the great Years signified by *Mars*, which *Ptolomy* tells us, are Sixty and six. And, the *Sun* being in the *Horoscope*, might reasonably have extended his Line of Life beyond that Number too, had not the *Alchocoden* been in an obscure Angle, (which is Inimical to Life), and

*Saturns*.

*Saturns* great strength prevented it: For he being so powerful, and in *Quadrate Aspect* of the *Horoscope*, *Minuit vitam Nati*, as *Haly* saith; he did abate of the length of this glorious *Natives Life*.— Nevertheless, we know he did survive his *Alchocodonean Circle*, and lived sixty and seven Years, and fifty five Days over: and exchanged this *Mortal Life* for one *Immortal*, on *December 26. 1676.*

And thus much shall serve to be said of the *Alchocoden*, in this just *Scorpionists Nativity*.

#### 4. *Of the Anareta, or Abscissor of Life.*

In the last place we shall speak a word of the *Anareta*, or *Destroyer of Life*; and that is in this *Nativity*, the benevolent Planet *Jupiter* [good Planets you see, may be designed sometimes, to the Execution of ill Offices:] as being both *Locally* and *Virtually* in the *8th House*, *viz.* The Angle representing *Death*, and in reception of *Mercury*, Lord thereof; whose Position there, doth ever render the *Death* to be *Natural*, unless there happen some great *Conspiracy* among the *Stars* to signify the contrary; as there doth not in this *Geniture*. Possibly, his Position there, was one great Reason, why the *Death* of this worthy *Heroe* of *Justice* and *Piety*, is so much lamented and bewailed in this *Sarcastical*, *Obdurate*, and (I was about to say) *Profligate Age*. Which spirit of sorrow ap-

pearing so remarkably among us, helps to prove,—  
That there is yet remaining in this ( once Valorous  
and Religious ) Nation, the Seeds of true Consci-  
ence and Goodness, in that we can be really moved  
( *Non obstante* the natural Vitioufness and Obstina-  
cy of the Times ) to Mourn in earnest, when so great  
and so good a Man is taken from among us, though to  
Heaven.

I will not pretend to so exact an acquaintance with  
all the Actions and Passions of this excellent Natives  
Life, as to suit every one of them to its proper Dire-  
ction, or meetings of the *Stars*. Let it satisfie, that  
I have published this glorious Nativity, neerly, as I  
received it from the honoured Hand of my Learned  
Friend, *John Aubery* Esq; a worthy Member of the  
Royal Society: And, that it accordeth with the *Ani-  
modar* of *Ptolomy*; and most happily and truly re-  
presents the publique Honours, Actions, and End of  
this thrice excellent *Scorpionist*; *Of whom the World  
was not worthy.*

5. *Something touching the Revolutions, &c. pre-  
ceding this great Mans Death.*

To Conspire with this worthy Natives Death, *Astro-  
logically* the *Horoscope* was directed *ad Quadratum Ve-  
neris, in dignitatibus Saturni*; and she in Aspect of *Sa-  
turn* radically, and Lady or Governess (in a great  
measure)

measure) of the Seventh, and Fourth Angles. The seventh Angle is opposite to the Angle signifying Life, and the fourth Angle represents the Grave, or End of all things.— But this is not a Direction of force sufficient to signifie so great an Accident, may some say? No! Assure thy self but it is, when the *Alchocodonean Circle* is finished, and the Direction chance to happen in the terms of an Interficient Planet, as this did.— Besides, the *Luminaries* were, by direction, in Interficient, or Unfortunate Terms also.

And if thou thinkest that this was not enough to play the *Atropos*, and cut off this great worthys Life; Observe what follows in the Revolution, and grand Transits and Aspects of the *Stars* that concomitated the said Directions, and then thou wilt be convinced that there were Stellarly Causes, sufficient, to introduce the Death of this excellent Native.



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In this Revolutional Figure, the place of the Direction ascends the *Horoscope*, and the *Moon* is in Conjunction of *Jupiter*, the Planet *Anaretical*, and both of them in Opposition of *Mars*, Lord of the Ascendent at Birth. Arguments very prejudicial unto Life. But above all, the Opposition of the *Sun* and *Saturn* in this Figure, is remarkable; for as much as it is Angular both in respect of the Radical and Revolutional Schemes; together with *Saturns* obviating the Radical places of both *Luminaries*. These are formidable Arguments in earnest, and in an *Astrological* sense, did plainly point out the Death of this glorious Native.

Nor may it be forgotten that the two great *Solar* Eclipses, *Anno* 1676, which but little preceded this excellent Persons Death, were of eminent signification therein. The one of them falling in the eighth House, upon the very place of the *Anaretical* Planet, and the other in Opposition unto it.

Before a great and just Man Dies, the *Sun* himself, is wont to put on *Sables*. He did so before the Death of that good King, and glorious Martyr, King *Charles* the First. And before the Death of many more he did so, that I could mention; but History is so full thereof, it needeth not.

Neither were the two grand Configurations of the *Sun* and *Saturn* in that very Year of a slight tendency or import, or fit to be neglected, viz. the Conjunction of the *Sun* and *Saturn*, in fifteen Degrees of *Taurus*, upon *April* the 24<sup>th</sup> Day, on the Radical place of  
this



this great Natives *Moon*. And (2.) The *Quadrate* of the same Planets from *Taurus* and *Leo*, on *August* the 7th Day; they happening in the prime Angles of the *Nativity*.

And, to add a little more weight hereunto, let the *Lunar* Revolution, immediately preceding this just Man's Death, be but consulted: And therein you will find the same Position of Heaven, as in that of the *Solar* Revolution; and *Jupiter*, the *Anaretical* Planet, ascending in the *Horoscope* thereof. Which Argument, together with the former mentioned, did naturally concur (in the Judgment of *Astrologers*) to the Extin- guishing the glorious Light and Life, of this great and glorious Lamp of Learning, Honour, true Piety, Worth and Justice.



It is eminently observable, that, as the *Moon* did apply to the *Sun*, or, was in *Configuration* with him, in

in the Figure of the Nativity, so she applied to the Body or Beams of *Saturn*, in the *Luminarian* Revolutions preceding this great Natives Expiration. The *Sun* and *Saturn* are of opposite Natures and Influences: This preserves Life, that promotes Death.

Origanus de Effectib. Stellarum, p. 522.

*Pertinet ad fidem & diligentiam Astrologorum, omnium quantum fieri potest Principum, Ducum, Comitum, Nobilium, Consulum, precipuorum quoque Theologorum, Episcoporum, Consiliariorum, Medicorum Genituras inquirere:—Non enim magna solummodo laus est, priori consulta experientia de ipsis in specie aliquid dicere: Sed publica quoque fata ex eorum salute pendent.—*

FINIS.

THE  
NATIVITY

OF

That most Illustrious and Magnani-  
mous PRINCE,

Carolus Gustavus,

KING of SWEDEN,

Astrologically handled;

AND

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as well Astrologers as Others;

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Obsequium amicos, veritas odium parit:

Flatter, and Friends thou shalt obtain;  
Speak Truth, and Hatred thou shalt gain.

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# LECTOREM.



*H*is but a left-handed Friend unto the Art he professeth, that when he seeth it sinking, will not use his honest and best endeavours to support it. Astrologic is now brought upon the stage of the World; and divers envious Spectators are big with Hope and Expectation, that it will be hissed off with disparagement.

For prevention of which, I publish the Nativity of this illustrious and magnanimous Prince; (he being the onely blazing Meteor of this Age, at whom all persons stand amazed!) having no better way at present to yeild it the assistance it requires. What I have written, is secundum Artem, as every honest Astrologer knows; yet, I could with ease (like others) have written what should more have delighted this Princely Natives Ears. ————— But that had been onely to have danced after the Pipes of the Jewish Dreamers, who to flatter, and comply with the current, could predict any thing.

Qualiacunq; voles, Judæi somnia vendent:

*Juv. Sa*

The Jews will sell good News for gain  
Of Silver, Pearl, or a Gold Chain.

*St*

*As there are a sort of Persons that talk much of Robin-  
hood,*

Ad Lectorem.

hood, and yet never shot in his Bow; so are there many pretending to Astrologie, that know (God knows) very little thereof; yet like that Babylonish Dream-teller Semajas, will be twatling to the disparagement of Art, and (many times) to the dear-bought experience of their Clyents.

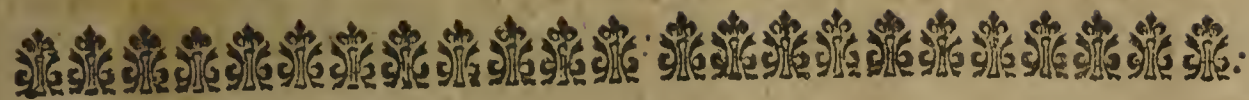
The Pythian Propketess abusing King Philip's Credulity, with her silly and spurious Oracles, drew him into many eminent dangers; which at the last being commonly noted and perceiv-  
ed, it was grown to a By-word in those days, ——— That  
Pythia did φιμαρτίζειν, that is, please or flatter Philip. I  
wish this eminent Prince his easie nature, be not so wrought  
upon at the last, by some pretending Astrologie. A Princes Ears  
should not be fly-blown with flatteries: The Parasite is (of  
all others) his greatest enemy.

And really, did I perceive either greater safety or danger to happen to this valiant Hero, then what I have plainly noted in the following Discourse, I should (for this illustrious Natives advantage, and the honour of Art) acquaint the World therewith; But to write otherwise then I see an apparent reason for, in the Art I do profes, I would not, were it most sure to spring me a Diadem.

What advantage hath he, that in the power of a Lye flourisheth for a moment; when both his honour and memory shall be subject to the Scoffs and Curses of persons yet to be born? The ignorant person is forbidden to judge hereof; the censure of the judicious shall be esteemed most worthily welcome  
unto ———

h. Jan. 29.  
1659.

Merlinus Verax.



# The NATIVITY of the Illustrious KING of S W E D E N, Astrologically handled.



HIS Eminent and Prodigious Prince was born in the year 1622. on *November* the 7th. *Stilo veteri*, 14 hours 28 minutes P.M. or afternoon, at *Stockholm*, where the Pole is elevated above the Horizon 59 Degrees. The places of the Planets to the time given are as followeth :

Longitude	Latitude
☉ 25 d. 40 m. m	♄ 0. d. 31. m. } South.
☽ 24 16 ☿	♃ 0. 16. } South.
♁ 9. 12. m	♂ 0. 32. } North.
♂ 5. 2. ♄ } R.	♀ 1. 35. } North.
♃ 29. 19. ☿	♀ 2. 38. } South.
♂ 11. 5. ♃	♄ 1. 0. } South.
♀ 2. 12. m	
♀ 16. 12. ♃	

Ascentio Recta Solis	233. 19.
Ascentio Rect. Temp.	217. 0.
Added together	450. 19.
Circle Subtract.	360. 0.
A.R. M.C. remains	90. 19.
Add the Quadrant	90. 0.
Produceth the O.A. of the Horoscope	180. 19.
For the Midheaven.	

Next	Greater	291 d. 5 m.	1.   R. A.	90. 19.
	Lesser	390. 0.	0.   L. A.	90. 0.
Differentia				0. 19.

If 65 m. give 60 m. What shall 19 m. give ? Answer, 18 m.  
ferè : Ergo, the Cusp of the Midheaven is ☽ 0 d. 18 m.

For the Ascendant.

		d.	m.	☽		d.	m.
Next	} Greater	}	181.	34.	1.	O.A.	180. 19.
			180.	0.	0.	L.A.	180. 0.
Different.			1.	34.	1.		0. 19.

If 94 m. gives 60 m. What shall 19 m. give ? Answ. 13 m.  
ferè : Ergo, the Cusp of the Ascendant, is ☽ 0 d. 13 m.

The Angles of the Figure being thus obtained, I gain the Cusps of the Succedents and Cadents, by the Domifying Table, true enough. And then the Figure is as followeth :



The Dignities and Debilities of the Planets in this eminent Persons Nativity, are thus :

☉ Strong	} by {	6	} Testimo-	♀ Weak	} by {	2	} Testimo-					
♃ Strong				♀ Strong				} nies.	} by {	2	} nies.	
♁ Strong				♃ Strong								} 11
♂ Strong				♂ Strong								

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By which Collection of Testimonies, it appears  $\delta$  is *Almu-*  
*ten* of this Geniture. ——— And that is the principal reason  
of this Eminent Natives great Fame, Adventure, and activity,  
in warlike Actions and Attempts.

This Geniture was rectified (1.) by the Midheavens occurse  
unto the Body of  $\mu$ , which happened exactly in June 1654. when  
this renowned Native came to the Crown of Sweden, and while  
that was in force over-ran all Poland. (2.) By the Midheavens  
direction to the square of  $\zeta$ , that happened neer the later end of  
1656. at which time the Duke of Brandenburg, and this Prince-  
ly Native differed, &c.

*A general Judgment on this Nativity.*

**B**Efore I descend to particular observations hereon, it will not  
be amiss to premise ——— That in this undertaking, I write  
not in hopes of reward; nor out of any disaffection or prejudice  
to the Magnanimous Prince therein concerned: But only to free  
Astrologie from the ignorance and unworthiness of some, the  
scandal and reproach of others; and (if it be possible in so small  
a room) to yeeld satisfaction to all! Even to this Glorious  
Prince himself [He being a person whose Name and Memory I  
honour, not so much for his unparallel'd attempts, and eminent  
warlike actions; as for his being a constant friend to the English  
Interest; a very faithful confederate and correspondent of ours;  
and a great supporter of the true Protestant Religion.] And al-  
so to his friends and Relations, who (with others) are gazing  
and admiring at him and his most Prodigious Attempts and un-  
dertakings: but I shall not in the least reflect upon, either his  
Person, Government, Actions, or Engagements; they being  
not at all concerned in my present task; for I am to discharge my  
self Astrologically, not Politically.

And ——— *Quae supra nos, nihil ad nos:*

*What is above us, we may well neglect.*

To begin then.

The very beginning of the Equinoctial signe  $\text{♈}$ , is here Ho-  
rosopical; and the fiery Planet  $\delta$ , is posited in the Ascendent;  
but he is in reception with the benigne Planet  $\zeta$ , Lady thereof.  
Mars (I told you before) was the best Planet for strength in

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the figure ; and of his significations let *Origanus* acquaint us. —  
 His Inclination. *Mars solus significator morum fortis, & bene affectus*, ( he is so in this Scheme ) *efficit generosus, contemptores aliorum gubernationi imprimis militum idoneos, animosos, fortes, iracundos, crudeles, praetores, arma appetentes, vehementes manu, promptos, apertos, cum quadam temeritate pericula non metuentes, vindicta cupidos, impatientes servitutis & injuriarum, jactabundos, divitias parum curantes*: ( i. e. ) *Mars* being significator of Manners alone, strong and well affected, Argues the Native to be generous, high-minded, valiant, and full of courage ; a Contemner of all things in comparison of Rule or Government : he is wrathful, violent and fierce ; in actions or words, sometimes temerarious or rash ; yet fearing no danger : given to boast, and desirous of revenge : impatient of servitude, scorns to receive affronts or injuries.  
*Orig. de effectib. pars 3. fol. 588.*

Some Astrologers may perhaps quarrel at me, for not taking knowledge of ♂ his being in Detriment, and so have rendered his significations of the Manners of this Princely Native as being weak ; which should have been thus, according to the before-cited Author : — *Crudeles, injustos, rixosos, tyrannicos, Deum spernentes, male suos cives regentes, truculentos, Thrasones temerarios, aliena & propria destruentes, inverecundos, sumptuosos, ebriosos, turbulentos, effusores sanguinis, feroces in laceffendo, & ubi ad rem ventum est, timidos autores discordiarum, praedones, arrogantes, seditiosos.* But although *Mars* do receive his detriment in ♃, yet being in reception with ♀, I look upon his debility the less, and yet his dignity not to be so great, as if he were in his own house.

This is most certain, that this Princely Native is a person of great spirit, courage or resolution, of very great activity and forwardness ; of a lofty towering Fancie, and every way most worthily accomplished, and fitted for Noble and Heroick Acts.  
 His honour and eminency. Now for an eminent testimony of this Princely Natives Honour and Greatness, we find in the foregoing Scheme, ♃ in the *M.C.* viz. the Angle of Honour and Dignity, and in his Exaltation also. The learned *Argo*, in *Ptol. parv. lib. 1.* tells us, — That ♃ posited in the tenth House of a Nativity, denotes great Honours, Preferment and Dignity to him that is then born. And ♃ being here in good Configuration of both the Luminaries, very much augments to the Dignity and Renown his position there

there portends. Most Authors tell us, — That if Jupiter be 7 in Δ  
 posited in the tenth House, in Trine to the Sun, it declares the  
Native to be a King, or otherwise a very eminent person.

But the all-conquering *Alexander*, who had a most glorious  
 Nativity in the general, yet had some particular infortunate Po-  
 sitions therein, if we may credit the learned *Lyndholt*. So also,  
 hath this most worthy *Hero!* which seriously ought to be confi-  
 dered, and this eminent Native acquainted therewith. For those  
 persons that cry nothing but Peace, and pipe out nothing but  
 Victory, Conquest and Triumph to Princes, especially when  
 there are Testimonies of eminent Losses and Dangers (and this  
 to their knowledge) impending, are enemies more intolerable  
 to them, than those that the most publicly oppose them. But  
 some persons there are, that value not the reputation of them-  
 selves, or the Art they profess! Indeed what need they, when  
 they have made their most and best of it, and quite done their  
 work? There is a certain sleight or juggle of the brain, as well  
 as the hand; and those that claw and flatter great persons, are  
 no better than the Birds of a *Bartholomew Fair*: nay, a man can  
 hardly distinguish the one from the other, but by their terms, *viz.*  
 The *Smithfield* man's, last but a Fortnight; the fauning Flatterer  
 (which is the greater Bird of Prey) his term is without date,  
 until his work, with his life, be done. Now I shall return to the  
 Arguments of evil, (having acquainted you with those of worth  
 already) and they are these:

1. The beneficial Planet ♃, the onely Promiser of Renown,  
 Honour and Dignity to this Native, is Retrograde, in Con- 7 in 0  
 junction of ♃, and Quartile of ♀ Lady of the Ascendent; which 7  
 should seem to threaten a great Rent or Chasm in this eminent  
 Natives Honour and Dignity, &c. Hear what the learned *Ar-*  
*gol* (an Author unquestionable with our best Astrologers) says---  
 When ♃ shall be unfortunately posited in the tenth house of a 7 in 7  
 Nativity, he portends much loss and damage to the Native from  
 great persons; sometimes Captivity, Restraint or Imprison-  
 ment; much peril by falls from high places; (there may be an  
 Allegory in the Phrases) nay, he generally makes Shipwreck of  
 the Natives Dignities, Honours and Preferment. ----- If he shall  
 be in *Leo*, ----- he portends Imprisonment and Bonds by the sen- 7 in Δ  
 tence of a Judge. --- But if with ♃ there, (as here he is) the Na- 7  
 tive shall then be in great Peril of sufferings, although he be no

ways culpable, or deserving thereof. *Ptol. Parv. Lib. 1.*

I acknowledge ( and it is but reason so to do ) that the presence of  $\mu$  doth very much abate of the force of these most cruel significations ; yet  $\zeta$  being there in  $\Omega$  his detriment, and a signe so contrary to his own nature, is much more apt (naturally) to do mischief, then  $\mu$  possibly can do good. And they both being in Quartile to  $\varphi$  *Domina Ascendentis*, the Governess of the Horoscope, argues the les good to be expected.

$\zeta$  in Quartile to  $\varphi$ , hath signification of loss of Honour, Estate, and sometimes portends the Native to be guilty of treachery and incivility ; and the square of  $\mu$  to  $\varphi$ , denotes the Native to be subject to deceits, and inconstancy, a wavering mind, &c. and that his joy and hopes shall be incontinently turned into sorrow and misery. See *Argol ut supra*, and *Augerius Ferrer. de jud. Nat. Lib. 2.* Now,  $\mu$  being afflicted, as hath been at large shewed, and he Lord of the sixth and third houses, should most rationally signifie this eminent Natives Honour and Eminency to be unhappily undermined by his pretended Neighbour-Assistants and Relations, &c. and that some of them should turn Apostates and desert him, when he should most of all stand in need of their aid and assistance. This was and is in some measure made good, by those late unfortunate (for such they are) troubles and wars he was and yet is engaged in, against his neer Neigh' our Princes.

2. As we have considered  $\zeta$  as posited in Conjunction of  $\mu$ , and  $\square$  of  $\varphi$ , let us consider him also by himself.  $\zeta$  being posited in the Mid-heaven, (as Mr. Lilly saith, and it's true enough) never suffers the Native to enjoy Honour long, but casts him down headlong, when it's least expected ; and being once dejected, the Native rises no more unto preferment. *Christ. Astron. p. 620.* The learned *Origan* saith the same in effect, ---  *$\zeta$  in Medio Cæli semper obicit hominem periculis* :  $\zeta$  in the tenth House, always involves the Native in great dangers. *Orig. de effectib. fol. 717.* For examples, I need quote no other then that of *Ludovicus* King of *Bohemia* and *Hungary*, whose Genesis was something semblable to this Princely Native's ; and his sad Catastrophe, every one that is but meanly read in History, cannot but remember.

And seriously if we consider the Mid-heavens direction to the body of  $\zeta$  (now coming on) in  $\Omega$ , a Signe that  $\zeta$  so eminently hates,

hates, as being quite contrary to his Nature, and opposite to ~~the~~,  
 the place he most of all delighteth in: I say, if we seriously con-  
 sider this, we may justly acquaint this illustrious Native (not-  
 withstanding the flatteries that some have endeavoured to tickle  
 his Princely ears withal) that he cannot be too careful of his  
 honour and dignity at the present; for very much danger and  
 prejudice is threatned unto him therein. And that the world  
 may see I write not (like others) my own humours and con-  
 ceits, for, or instead of Art, I will produce the authority of the  
 beforecited *Origanus*, in the signification of such a direction.-----

*Ac in specie Medii Cœli ad corpus & directio, maximas indignita- M. (ad*  
*tes, & odia Principum aut Magnatum iudicij; vario quoq; malo-*  
*rum genere, dignitates, officia, honores atq; favores subvertit; Ne-*  
*gotia cum tarditate natum perficere facit, facinorosa vero scelere*  
*excitat, & nonnunquam mortem lata iudicis sententia portendit.*

For the honour I bear this eminent Native, I shall not render  
 the words in English. But this I must needs acquaint my Rea-  
 der with, ——— That they are Predictions of a very harsh  
 sound and import, as they relate to the Nativity of so glorious  
 and so active a Prince. But *Præmonitus, Præmunitus*; a fore-  
 warning, we say generally is a fore-arming. And thrice happy  
 would it be for this Kingly Native, if (before this most malici-  
 ous and dire direction assume its greatest violence and fury) he  
 could but so order and dispose of his great Affairs, let them be-  
 long either to Camp or Council, as to be at peace and quiet with  
 his Adversaries. The best striking is while the Iron is hot; and  
 if once the direction comes on too fast, his endeavours and  
 means used for the settling things, will be neglected, and never  
 come to any good end.

*There is a secret nick in restless time*

*To be observed* ———

Saith the Poet ——— which if it be made but use of by this  
 magnanimous Prince, may (yet) most eminently advantage him;  
 but if neglected, the opportunity's forfeited, and the wound  
 grows the further from a cure. It is onely by prudence, and good  
 policy (if at all) the wise man can rule the Stars. *Sapiens do-*  
*minabitur Astris.*

3. This Princely Native hath  $\approx$  ascending, and  $\text{♂}$  posited  
 therein: and *Ptolomy* in his *Cent. Aphor. 37.* plainly tells us —  
 That those persons who have  $\vee$  or  $\approx$  Horoscopical at birth, will

rashly be the cause of their own deaths. I have known this Aphorism verified in many (although but very few Kingly) Genitures; yet I remember that ♃ was ascending in the Nativity of Henry the fourth of France; and it is eminently known, that he too carelessly and negligently exposed himself to the cruelty and malice of Raviliac, who most basely murdered him. But I most heartily wish, that this illustrious and noble-minded Prince may not be sensible of so malignant a fate. Yet I most seriously and unfeignedly protest, it is but necessary for this Princely Native to be watchful and wary in all his actions, even in those that promise the most fair, and that seem to be the most safe and secure: For if we observe the position of Venus, (Lady of the Horoscope) and the Luminaries, there is another Aphorism that speaks aloud to this Princely Native, viz. *Dominus Horoscopi in signo violento, vel a maleficis infestatus, & dispositor Luminariz, &c.* ——— The Lord of the Ascendent in a violent signe, afflicted of an unfortunate Planet; and the disposer of the light of the time in a violent signe afflicted after the same manner, portends great danger of a violent end.

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Stratford

This Aphorism took place to purpose, in the Earl of Stratford's Nativity: let it therefore be the prudence of this magnanimous Prince, to anticipate its dire effects threatned in his Geniture. For here the Lady of the Ascendent, and disposer of the light of the time, is all one, viz. ♀; and she is in square to ♃ (as I noted before) who is the Malicious Promittor of this Natives miseries.

4. The Sun and Moon are in opposition from fixed signes, which is a most prodigious and unfortunate Position, and highly destructive to honour and Sovereignty, chiefly in the Geniture of a King, or one of Kingly Race, and happening in Cadent places of the figure, as here.

The learned Argol and Ferrerius tell us, That if the Sun and Moon be in opposition (as in this Nativity they are) the Honour, Estimation and Happines of the Native, are subject to mutation; and the Native in every thing shall prove variable and uncertain: it threatens great Riches, a strong invasion of poverty and want; and that upon his large possessions of honour, there shall fall mountains of unhappines and dishonour; and after great health and sanity of body and mind, he shall be subject to much weakness and discredits; and in short, a general change from

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from good to evil. See *Ptol. parv. Lib. 1.* and *Jud. Nat. Lib. 2.*

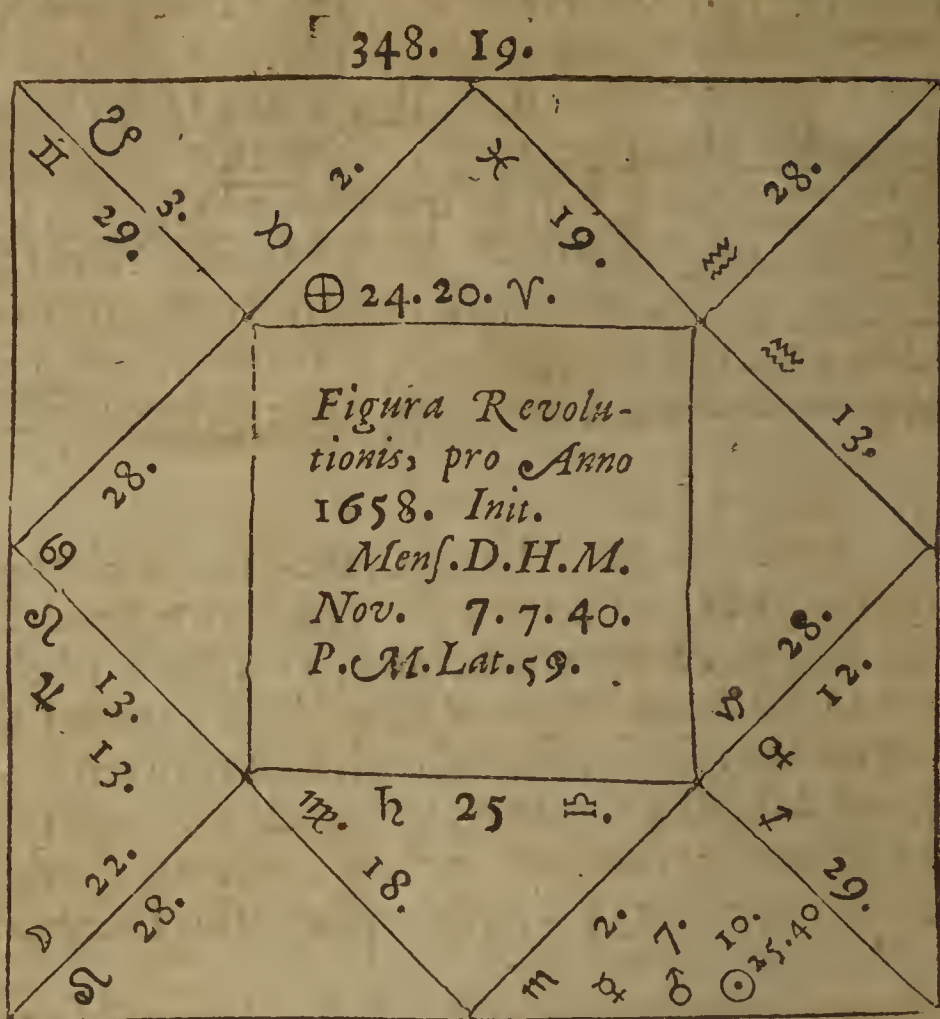
It is the opinion of Mr. Lilly in his Introduction to Christian Astrologie, p. 617. --- That if neither of the Lights be in Angles, or in signes of a Masculine quality, those that are then born (although their beginning may be splendid and glorious, yet) their end will prove unprosperous. But the benign Planet  $\Psi$ , fortu-  
nating or befriending both the Luminaries with propitious Rays, may in some measure qualifie, but not wholly extenuate the force and vigor of the fury portended by the forementioned Aphorisms.

I might have been much larger in the general Fortune or Fate of this Princely Native; but my designe is not to deal in it, beyond a present advice unto him, and a correction of those many errors and mistakes which already have invaded the world by reason of him. Thus much therefore shall serve in the general; and I shall in the next place onely compare the force of the Revolutions for this year, and the next ensuing, with the Directions now operating; and so conclude this Discourse.

The Revolution for this present year, began on *Nov. 7. 7. h.*  
*40 m. P. M. 1658.*

	<i>deg. min.</i>
The R. A. of <i>Sol</i> is	233. 19
The R. A. of time is	115. 0
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Sum of both make R. A. <i>M: C.</i>	348. 19
Add the Quadrant	90. 0
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	438. 19
Circle Subtract	360. 0
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Remains the O. A. of the Horoscope	78. 19

*Figura*



This Revolutionary Figure is not very agreeable with that of the Radix; the less good therefore is to be expected from it. Besides, we find the Moon (who is Lady of the Ascendent) in quartile to the Sun, a general significator of honour and dignity. And the malignant Planet ♄, casts a malicious opposition to the ☉ in the tenth house, and a square to the Ascendent from cardinal signes; which portend this eminent Native to suffer much detriment and damage, not onely in his Estate, Honour and Estimation, but in his body also; by melancholy, superabundance of ill and corrupted blood, and other noxious humours; occasioned by cold and moisture predominating: for ♄ is Lord of the sixth in the Figure, viz. the House of sickness.

And as ♄ is Lord of the seventh house in the Revolution, and the fourth of the Radix, and he the principal afflicting Planet, he presages this Princely Native to be subject to the frowns and fury of his enemies, in a very rugged and sharp manner; and may perhaps be necessitated thereby to part with some Garison, City, Town, Castle, strong hold, or the like; for the fourth House hath  
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signification of such : and this should be the more eminent and considerable, and to his greater detriment, because the Horoscope and place of  $\text{h}$  are in Equinoctial and Solstitial signes ; and  $\text{♁}$  the Natural significator of such Actions, is in  $\square$  of  $\text{♃}$  Lord of the tenth. □ ♂

But now, if we consider that the Moon is but lately separated from the body of  $\text{♃}$ , not yet quite elongated from his Rayes, and that the Sun is in  $\triangle$  to the Ascendent and Mid-heaven, and in  $\ast$  to  $\text{♀}$  Lady of the Ascendent of the Radix, and  $\text{♃}$  upon the very Cusp of the second House ——— considering these Testimonies, we may (I say) conclude---- There will be some designe or endeavour, and that in some degree eminent and considerable, used to assist this most worthy Prince, with men and monies, and other things his present condition may require or stand in need of. But his present impending fate (before at large hinted at) adviseth him to accept the friendship offered, and not by neglecting such opportunities, to prove an enemy unto himself. ③  
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*February*, part of *March* and *April*, may prove most unhappy unto him. For on *February* the twenty fifth, there happens a  $\square$  of  $\text{h}$  and  $\text{♁}$  from the fourth house, and Ascendent of this eminent Princes Radix, and in ill Aspect to the Ascendent of his Revolution also: which malicious Configuration threatens much damage and spoyles to happen to his Armies, and mightily wasts and consumes his strength and power ; and in brief, renders him unsuccessful in all his attempts. □ ♁

Upon the second day of *March*, there happens an  $\text{♁}$  of  $\text{♃}$  and  $\text{♁}$  from fixed signes, viz.  $\text{♋}$  and  $\text{♌}$  ;  $\text{♁}$  being then in the eighth of his Revolution, and thence opposing  $\text{♃}$  in his second, which scatters and consumes his substance, and procures him many private and secret enemies : it portends also his publick Adversaries to be active ; and in assistance and force, too powerful for him to deal with. ♁ ♃

Then on *April 26*. the  $\text{☾}$  is eclipsed near the radical place of  $\text{☉}$ , and the Revolutional place of  $\text{♁}$  : it will then be a time and season fit for Action, and therefore [ if there be any thing, at least, in Lunar Eclipses ; in Solar, I question it not ! ] the more eminently dangerous unto this Kingly Native. I like it not, when the Heavens are set in *Battalia* against any person, be he either illustrious or mean ; for without controversie, they argue his fate to be the more cruel and inauspicious. ③ Ecl.  
N. B

I could wish that this eminent *Hero* would take the advantage offered him by the Trine of the Sun and ♃ about the middle of March, which (happening (as it doth) from the tenth and second houses of the Revolution) will not onely assist him with Loans of Money, and a moderate advantage in all things pertaining to his Estate, as his present condition requires, *viz.* Men and Shipping, Ammunition, &c. but should also forward him in his Councils, Actions and Negotiations; and methinks (if so be himself please) might also procure a peace or agreement with some of his present Adversaries or Opposers; and in all probability either *May* or *June* should perfect what at the time before mentioned, should be set on foot for his assistance.

Let it be this Princely Natives wisdom to make use of the middle of the year, for the advantage and support of his affairs both publick and private; for the beginning and the end thereof, are notoriously averse to all his undertakings. What the beginning portends, you have heard already; and what the end of the year signifies, the Eclipse of the Moon (she being Lady of this Revolution) near the radical place of *Cauda Draconis*, on the 19 day of *October*, acquaints us. It is celebrated in the eleventh House of the Revolution, in ☐ to the Cusp of the second House, and to ♃ also, who is Lord of the tenth House, but posited in the second.

Astrologically it portends a Catastrophe of his Hopes and Expectations; it destroys several Engagements, Leagues and Truces betwixt him and some of his Friends and Allyes; it weakens his Substance, and in divers respects threatens him superlative prejudice.

And thus much shall serve for the Judgments of the Actions depending on this years Revolution.

The Revolution for this eminent Natives thirty seventh year current, begins 1659, on *November* the seventh, 13 hours, 29 minutes P. M.

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	<i>deg. min.</i>
R. Ascension of of <i>Solis</i>	233. 19
R. Ascension of time is	202. 15
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Sum of both	435. 34
Circle Subtraet	360. 0
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R. Ascension of the <i>M. Caeli</i>	75. 34
Add the <i>Quadrant</i>	90. 0
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Oblique Ascension of the Ascendent	165. 34

The Figure follows.



But a very little time, viz. three days before the Revolution begins, there happens a great Eclipse of the Sun in his Radical place of this illustrious Geniture; which, if we may give credit to honest *John Schoner*, is very dangerous and prejudicial to the Natives life. His words are these ———— An Eclipse of either of

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the Luminaries in the Angles of a Nativity, or in the place or places of the Luminaries therein, shews eminent danger of death to the Native in that year. And it happening in a year when so dire a direction is operating (as I have before mentioned) portends it the more cruel and malicious.

*N. C.*  
*4* Mars being upon the Cusp of the tenth House of this Revolu- tional Figure, viz. the House of Honour, Renown and Dignity, &c. thence calling a square to ♃, a natural significator of honour and greatness, is an Argument too sure (at this time especially) of a Catastrophe, or destruction of this eminent Natives power and greatness: it portends many heaps of bad successes; crowds of Scandals, Ignominies and Disgraces, and many notorious Detractions, &c. for both ♂ and ♃ are in the Houses of ♁, in Bi-corporeal signes.

*House*  
 Besides this, the Moon is in her detriment in the fourth House, thence calling a □ to the Cusp of the House of Substance, and ♃ by his bodily presence afflicts the ⊕; which infortunate Position scatters and consumes this Kingly Natives Substance and Treasure; and this after an obscure manner; (comparatively) and so privately, that he will hardly discover the same until it be too late.

*etc in 3<sup>o</sup>*  
Four Planets in the third House in m, disposed of by ♂, and he casting an ♂ to the fourth House, and a □ to the Lord thereof, viz. ♃, will most of this year infortunate him, constantly in the conclusion of things; and in strong Holds, Towns, Castles, Fortifications, &c. and this to his very great prejudice, and retardation of his affairs.

*4* Nevertheless, among all these thundering Arguments of in- fortunacy, we find the Moon in Δ to ♃, and the Sun, ♁ and ♁, cast their friendly \*'s to the Ascendent— which should yeild this Princely Native some convenient assistance or relief in the midst of his mis-fortunes, and may in probability give him a little encouragement by some unexpected victory, which should be performed by some notable Stratagem, or nimble piece of Policy. But the significators of this happiness being weak, and void of all essential Dignities, argues the same not long to continue.

♀ Lady of the Ascendent of the Radix combust, and near the body of ♁ in m, portends an ill habit of body, attended with many perturbations and troubles of mind; it subjects him to  
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many hazards and dangers. Combustus ut captivus, incarceratus, vituperatus, absq; posse, saith Bethem, Cent. Aphor. 4. A Planet combust, is as a man captived or imprisoned, without hope of getting himself free.

Combu

We find  $\text{h}$  in this figure upon the radical place of  $\text{q}$ , which extinguisheth his Honours, Pleasures and Delights, and denotes most things to succeed crossly with him, and very contrary to his Designes and Expectancies.

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But to draw toward an end: ——— As  $\text{h}$  afflicts the  $\text{m}$  and  $\text{j}$  the chief Angles of the Figure by his presence, and Aspects, they portend this eminent Native to be surrounded with much treachery; infidelity and perfidiousness of Officers, Souldiers and Servants also, (for  $\text{h}$  is Lord of the sixth) attends him. He will be subject and apt to receive many wounds and scars in his Honour, Reputation and Estimation also! I am doubtful, so many (and mighty likewise) that he will (before this Revolution be ended) have occasion to curse and reprobate the counsel and advice of those fawning Flatterers and Parasites that have (under pretence of Art) puffed him up with conceits and expectations to the contrary.

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These Revolutional Arguments of evil, being on the force of the before-mentioned Direction, which carries so much of blackness and horror in it; Astrologers (with good reason) tell us----- Quicquid ligat  $\text{h}$ , Solvit  $\text{u}$ : And may we not with as good reason conclude, That whatsoever  $\text{u}$  does,  $\text{h}$  undoes? If so,---Then is this famous King in much hazard and danger of being deprived, by the Mid-heavens occurse to the body of  $\text{h}$ , of what the same significatour to the body of  $\text{u}$  gave him. And this I leave to the judgment and consideration of every honest Astrologer! not as an *Enigma*, or dark thing; but as a conspicuous Prediction, deduced from the most rational grounds of Art; not from the Sybil's Oracles, or Theurgie.

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M. (u)

The malicious direction before mentioned, is concomitated with three others, of bad import — viz.  $\text{m}$  ad Ter.  $\text{j}$ . (2.)  $\text{m}$  ad Ter.  $\text{j}$ . (3.) Ascendent ad Ter.  $\text{j}$ . And these are to be looked on as the more cruel, in that there is not one Argument of good to assist (except before excepted) or abate any thing of their evil portents.

Q ad Ter  
3 ad Ter  
Ascend a

The principal time this illustrious Native ought to provide against, is the middle of 1660. for then the M. C. ad Corp.  $\text{h}$

M. (ai)

takes place in it's greatest violence: but you are to understand, that as the greatest danger in a Bullet is before it touch the mark, so it is in a direction; this Native therefore ought to be securing himself beforehand. Most of this year,  $\text{h}$  transits the place of  $\text{q}$ -Lady of the Ascendent at birth, and the  $\square$  of the eleventh houses both of the Radix and Revolution; which seem to accelerate the before-mentioned dire portents! From all which Evils and Dangers, good Lord deliver this most glorious Prince.

*In private Councils, and in publick Wars,  
Kings onely act, as acted by the Stars.*

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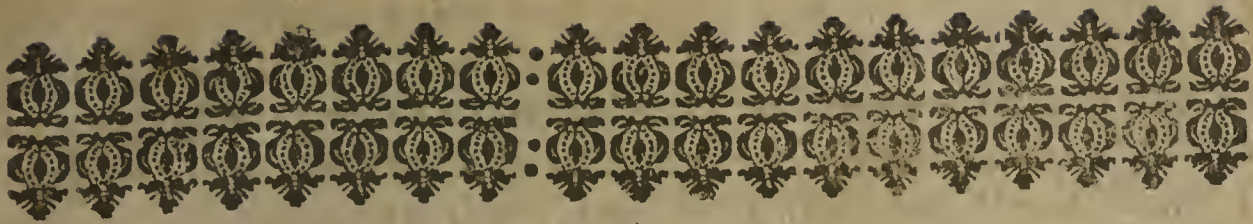
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*The Spurious Prognosticator, &c.*

**M** After *William Lilly* being a person (by the vulgar sort) believed to be the most famous Astrologer that ever yet appeared on the English Stage: In his *Merlin*, 1656. he witnesseth the same of himself, thus — *We* (saith he) *have been a servant to the unthankful; we have shared in honour and dishonour: Notwithstanding all which — we have had all along since 1644. as general and full a Practice in all the known parts of Astrology, as ever any man of this Nation.*

I shall not Comment upon this his Notorious Boast, nor Question whether his deserts have been as worthy, as his Practice large. Neither shall I trouble my self with noting any of his former failings (unless Collaterally) which may (I question not, upon a strict examen) equal the hairs of his head for number; though I presume it would be not an affront, but favour unto Astrology so to do. Yet, Notwithstanding his great fame and [supposed] great skill, I may (I hope) be bold to retort the Errours of his this years *Merlin* upon him, because he hath therein so notoriously deviated from Art, and so prodigiously escandalized the same.

*If that Great Artists for to Sin be bold,  
I see no reason but they should be told.*

Now that I may proceed Methodically, I shall consider, (1.) This (supposed) Great Artist's Epistle. (2.) His General Judgements. (3.) His Monethly Fictions. Sect. I. I shall begin with his Epistle. And would gladly be informed by what Authority, Astrological, or otherwise, he is so bold, as to Question or bespatter the Duke of *Brandenburgh's* Title? (2.) Out of what Record (setting aside *Mother Shipton*, and such like Authorities,

ties, he can prove the King of Swede not only a Northern Lyon, but a Northern Lyon Rampant? (3.) What Astrological Text favours him to predict ——— That Carolus Gustavus the great [if the God of Battels honour him with the Royalty of Denmark, and good footing in Elector William his Dominions] shall prove a sure sanctuary to the Protestants? And why either of the other (if the God of Battels prove adjuvant to them) shall not prove a Sanctuary as sure, and as great unto the Protestants, as Carolus Gustavus the great? they all being of one Faith or Religion. (4.) Whether there be a text in Christian Astrology to encourage Mr. L. to say so confidently ---- It is as true as truth it self ---- when the League betwixt England and Sweden is dissolved, then farewell the prosperity of the English Nation? (5.) Whether such Astrology (if Mr. L. will have it so baptiz'd) be not more likely to sow the seeds of division among Princes and Nations, and set them sooner and surer together by the ears, then any way uphold the honour of that Art Mr. L. pretends to be so great a Proficient in?

Had such Errours and Ignorances (for such they must be, since the Art they are father'd on disclaims them) been Publish'd by some Novice in Art, that had not been much known in the world, they had done the less mischief. But for one that looks upon himself as a fam'd Artift, and is commonly (though how much undeservedly, you plainly see) believed to be so; Nay, one that writes himself (though as fondly as falsely) --- Christiane Astrologia propagator fidissimus! for such a one, to be guilty of such gross juggling, and most apparent flatteries, it doth not onely intolerably blemish the Art, but prejudices many honest Professors thereof, --- as Mr. Booker, Wharton, Wing, Tanner, &c. who when they but hear those pitiful stories of their (pretended) foreman mentioned, it cannot but strike them into the thoughts of a just indignation against him.

Omne Animi vitium tanto conspectius in se  
Crimen habet, quanto major qui peccat habetur.

The Eminenter he that doth amiss,  
So much his sin, the more notorious is.

But cui fini? to what end do I turn Questionist to Mr. L. when all that know him, know it is not his guise to satisfie any? Let their

their demands be what they will, he is not concerned, though his reputation lye at the stake never so much ——— *Tell not me* (saith he) *of every Dogs barking at me; I have a salve to cure all again.* Let Mr. L. go on, and tell the world that he hath begun a new manner of Astrology amongst us, and that he walks in those uncouth ways that no former Author found; And crack with lying *Lucretius* at large, viz.

*A via Signorum per agro loca nullius ante  
Trita Solo;* ———

See his *Mer-  
lins*, 1648.  
1649. 1650.  
1651.

In th' midd'ft of Heavens Signs, I trace a way,  
That no man found before me to this day.

Nay, if he invade the World with a Million more of such like hyperbolical fictions and fooleries, ought he not to be beleev'd? When *Delphos* was in fashion, were any so bold, or fool-hardy as to urge a reason from their Oracle? And must it not (in Mr. L's thoughts) be unjust for any to urge him to a reason of what he writes or obtrudes upon the World? In his thoughts, did I say? Nay, in his *Merlin*, 1655. he plainly tells his Readers ——— *That he will from thenceforth give no Astrological Reasons* [when; or where, I pray Sir, did you ever give any?] *he having been too Copious unto an unthankful Generation of men, who might have been everlastingly in their A. B. C. without his assistance.* ( — *Proprio laus sordet in ore.* ) Certainly such boasts could not but much persuade with many people, that Mr. L. is every whit as able as he proclaims himself, did they not surely know it to be the property of empty Hogshheads to sound the loudest. I see not in reason how he can be said to bring others out of their A. B. C. whose onely skill is not removed a hairs bredth beyond great F. viz. Flatteries. And so I pass from his Epistle to his Book.

*Sett. 2.* In his *General Judgements*, pag. 2. he acquaints us ——— *That now the effects of the Comet 1572. draw neer to a manifestation upon what Kingdom or Country of Europe they will pour down their Influence* ——— *The consideration of which, hath occasioned him to wander more then he intended concerning the Swedish King and his Atchievements, &c.* ——— I shall not much Question the sence of the former part of these words, although they sound very Anti-Grammatically. Yet methinks if Comets have effects (which some

some very learned deny, and Mr. *L.* cannot prove, unless we will be contented with his Assertives for Probatives,) they should not continue 87. years; but like those of Eclipses or great Conjunctions, only remain until another of the same kind come, and put a period unto its threatned Effects.

According to which Doctrine, this Comet (which hath caused Mr. *L.* to wander so much from the Art he pretends to) should have ended its Effects in 1618. for then there appeared another. But to make sence of Mr. *L.*'s words, he took not the Comet, but K. of *Sweden*, &c. to be the cause of his wandring. And then the Antecedent to the Relative [wandring] stands in the place of the Consequent; and so he becomes (nevertheless) Guilty, of an Irrhetorical ὕσεσιν πρὸς πρῶτον. but it matters not much for sence, Art, or Scholarship; so we find but feignings and flatteries good store in Mr. *L.* his learned works, we have what we can thence rationally expect.

§ But he goes on and predicts further — That the work designed by that Comet, he finds is great, and such, that neither one man or age, shall scarcely afford matter plentiful to begin its operation. — A second John Baptist is required. He findes the work, &c. is great. He can find any thing to be small or great at his pleasure; he can make a Mountain of a Molehil, and a Molehil of a Mountain again; he can Magnifie, and diminish, without the assistance of the Optiques, *ad libitum*; so excellent a workman is learned Mr. *Lilly*! But doth Mr. *L.* hope to gain Credit among Ingenious men for such Astrology as this? A Comet (by his own confession) that stir'd up the K. of *Swede* against the *Dane*, &c. And yet now he finds (after a second staring, it seems,) that neither a Manor Age, shall afford plentiful matter to begin its operation! Risum teneatis amici? Nay, doth not Mr. *L.* like a sullen Cow kick down (with his disdainful heel) all the good Meal of Milk, that before he produced for the K. of *Swede*? I hope Mr. *L.* when he complains of a paucity of plentiful Matter, doth not mean, but that the K. of *Swede* had reason in abundance to Invade the *Polar* and *Dane*! And being stir'd up against them by the influence of this Comet twatled of, I see no reason Mr. *L.* hath to complain for want of plentiful matter to begin its operations. And if they be already begun, I would demand of Mr. *L.* what need we have of a second *John Baptist* to expound the Riddle? I have heard a story of a Souldier with a wooden-leg, who being sup-  
posed

sed to have a good one shot off, his friends seeing him fall, called out presently for a Chyrurgeon. Oh! quoth the Souldier (being better acquainted with his want) 'tis no matter for a Chyrurgeon, a Carpenter may serve the turn. All the use that I shall make of it here, is this, — that to expound those forged effects of Comets, and their tedious duration, requires not a second *John Baptist*, — *A Lilly or Mother Shipton may do it*. And so I proceed to his next contradiction. — *We cannot or dare we (still you see, he hath Pigs in his belly) positively determine this present Magnanimous K. of Sweden, to be that very Person, or that so great Northern Lyon, who shall do such wonders as have been of old Prophesied.* And why not Sir? as well, as to maintain him to be, A Northern Lyon Rampant? But Mr. L. since the relieving *Copenhagen* hath changed his Opinion; for in his *Merlin*, 1657. he positively affirmed *this K. of Sweden was the man Prophesied of, by (those Divinely illuminated Cheatees,) the Sybils.* Yet here he dareth not do it. Thus you see Mr. L. may affirm, and not affirm, or dare so to do, &c. he may indeed do any thing, by Priviledge. But yet it is a very raw and silly conceit of Mr. L. to think to write such notorious contradictions, and not to be noted and esteemed for them, as he deserves. Shall we believe him to be an Artist, that changes his humor just as the Times turn? or shall we not rather take him for an Arch-Temporizer? and one that makes use of an Art to cover and cloke his ignorance and flatteries? Had Mr. L. believed his Art to be indubitably real, we should have found him certain somewhere; but he poor man! *Lysps and Jabbers, Shuffles and Cuts*, after so ridiculous a manner, as if he were as little acquainted with Art as honesty.

But it is not against Reason (sure) for a man to demand of Mr. L. his reason for not positively affirming here, the same thing, that (with as great confidence as ignorance) he did two years since. Doth the *M. C. ad S H* in the K. of *Swede's* Nativity deter him? Or hath he all the reward he expects? If the first, 'tis but finding a transit (in his Astrology) to rancounter that, as in 1658. he did, in these words — *Live most valiant Swedish King, thy Generals, &c. and be as successful as Anglicus desires; And then you are promised two several Victories neer this Moneth.* — *Non obstante Medium (Medio, it should rather have been, but that his Astrology and Latin are both of a stamp) Cœli ad Corpus Saturni, &c.* If the later, cannot you send to him for the other Gold Chain,

Chain, and acquaint his Majesty, ——— That it is beneath the dignity of your high-fam'd Pen, to spend its precious Ink Sine pretio, or for a mean reward; and one Gold Chain is too little for a Person of your fame to be guilty of so great Imposturism, as to forfeit (as much as in you lies) the honour and future glory of so splendid an Art, that you by profession pretend unto?

Well, to pass this, --- Let us trace Mr. L. a little further, and we shall find, --- Though he dare not positively affirm this K. of Sweden to be the man or Conquerour, &c. yet, that his own Motto -- Sero sapit ingratus, may not bite too hard upon his reputation, and he be noted to do nothing for so worthy a present, as the Gold Chain he received; In his confident ignorant Dialect, he runs on, --- Thus much we affirmatively say --- That the present Carolus Gustavus shall prepare much matter towards the advancement of his Successors, for so great Atchievements in all parts of Europe, And that the name of this Conquerour shall be, Charls, and of the Swedish Nation, and off-spring of this Carolus Gustavus, &c.

Mira canunt, sed non credenda Poetae.

Pa.

Things wonderful to sing is Lilly's Guise;  
But Credit none of them, if you be wise.

In his Merlin 1657. he affirmed Carolus Gustavus now Reigning, to be the Northern Lyon or Conquerour, &c. And yet here he affirms, That not this, but another of his race, shall be the man. Let him but reconcile these dislocated Predictions, and I shall believe him able also, to make good this Position.

Nil intrâ est oleam; nihil extrâ est in nuce duri.

Within the Olive ['tis beyond all doubt,]  
There's nothing hard, Nor of the Nut without.

The most Chimerical Fantasie or Fiction in the World, is every whit worthy as much Credit, as so notorious and broad-fac'd a Contradiction. If Mr. L. from his great Patronesses the Sybils, in 1657. spake truth, --- Then this present Charls, and not another, must be the man. If Mr. L. speak truth now, then the Sybils and he were besides the truth in 1657. And is not this most excellent

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excellent Christian Astrology! *The K. of Swede, shall be, and yet  
he shall not be the Conquerour!*

Dic quibus in terris, & eris mihi magnus Apollo.

Great Sir! but tell me, how both may be true,  
And take Apollo's Bayes to be your due.

When Mr. L. can make the two Members of a contradiction accord, he may (I suppose) make good these his wild and extravagant Assertions. Howbeit Mr. L. deems it but Reasonable, that he be believed in what he says, let it be never so contrary to truth, or contradictory in it self; he being (as he supposes) Princeps Astrologorum. And what is he that shall dare to do the contrary? however, I shall run the hazard of Mr. L's Censure in this kind for once; and demand by what Authority Sybillical, Cabalistical or other, he is warranted to design the name of this great Conquerour to be Charls, &c.

The Stars name none, and surely e Mr. Lilly,  
In saying they do, proclaims himself most Silly.

The Names of Persons are such contingent things, that it were (considering their dependence upon the humors of conceited Gossips, whose wills and fancies are the sole and alone disposers thereof) a reasonless thing to force Astrology to father them. But I the less wonder at his refusing to render Reasons of what he Annually obtrudes upon the understandings of men; because he cannot but be sensible that his *Merlins* or Almanacks, are onely as Shops or Warehouses furnished with the worser sort of Drugs, and Rif-raff; himself standing in the midst of them, just as *Horace* describes his Petty-Chapman.

Vilia vendentem tunicato Serula popello.

Active in selling, to the vulgar man,  
His trash [for truth,] at small Price (if he can.)

The learned I am out of doubt know Mr. L's shifts, and pityful effeminate evasions; the Ignorant in time may discover them.

In pag. 8. Mr. L. tells us, ——— *This vernal Figure of Heaven promiseth the Lord Protector of England very fair, from his Allies beyond Sea.* But how dares Mr. L. (unless he dare do any thing) raise a judgement either upon the Lord P. or any else, from a Scheme so notoriously untrue? Nothing less then 41<sup>c</sup>. of time distant from the truth; as is demonstrated by Mr. Wing in his *Ολύμπια Δώματα* for the same year; with whom agree most others. And is it not a pretty Riddle, that Mr. L. which fails thus in the ordinary Principles of the Art [*viz.* 41 min. of time in such a Figure wherein an Artist cannot be too precise] should be accounted the onely Father and Restorer of Astrology? But the *Ænigma* is explained; did not Mr. L. every year Claw the great Ones by the shoulders, his cunning would not by many degrees be so much in request above the ordinary Almanack-makers, as his skill is below them.

But he, at his high-rated confidence goes on, predicting that ——— *The Princes of the Earth are very fierce one against the other; Nothing but War, Destruction, Death, utter Ruine of one another, will give them satisfaction.* And yet he Pipes out nothing but Honour, Renown, Conquest and Victory, to the L. P. of *England*, and K. of *Sweden*; as if they were quite out of the Number of the Princes of the Earth! And on the contrary, by the Princes of the Earth, he intends onely the Kings of *Denmark*, and *Poland*, &c. *Anglicæ*, such as engage against the greatness of *Sweden*. But surely had any other Astrologer predicted prejudice, or ought else at so wild a rate, (as Mr. L. here doth) concerning Princes; Mr. L. would have been the first man that should have saluted him with, ———

*Ὁμοῖα ἀναιδεῖν ἐπιμύθε, κερδαλέορον.*

*Ah! Flattering Knave! Clad with high Impudence.*

But I spare Mr. L. although his Presages hang together, *velut ægri somnia*, ——— like sick mens dreams, and are not by the wisest head to be reconciled.

Now Mr. L. having spent his pains (to as little purpose as you have heard) in predicting things to depend on the Figure of the Suns Ingress; is come to the Moons Eclipse in *April*. ——— And tells us ——— *That it begins at 6 h. 22 min. P.M. and ends at 9 h. 20 m.*  
whence



whence (saith he) the duration thereof, is 3 h. 15 min. But had Mr. L. been pleased to have proved his operations, he might have found, that from such a beginning and end as he assigns, such a duration could not possibly Emerge; But on the contrary, 2 h. 58 min. Which gross Ignorance in so ordinary and common a piece of Art, proclaims his whole skill to be but weak and worthless, and his Judgement insipid and unsavory. Thus you see, that he who boasts that all others might have been in their *A. B. C.* without his assistance, is himself ignorant of the first Principles of the Science he pretends to. And without doubt had Mr. L. but presented us with the Figure of this Eclipse, we should have found it as true, as the other but lately noted.

But be his Figures right or wrong, Mr. L. proceeds to judgement (his name I think should properly have been *upis*) according to his preceding Method (and he propounded none at all) and rufflingly acquaints us --- *That this Eclipse will cause a great ruffling both of the Dane and Dutch to regain the Sound; but they will sooner overthrow the great Mogul, or Grand Signior, then reconquer the Sound, out of his possession that now hath it in keeping, viz. Charls Gustavus K. of Sweden, &c.* I would gladly demand, how it is possible for such particular Actions and Accidents of Princes to be spelt, or smelt out of Eclipses of the Moon; since the Effects thereof are not by many able Artists received for certain, but remain disputable? Is it not therefore, Interest rather than Art, that causeth him thus to write? certain it is, Astrologers agree --- An Artist may be enabled to Predict much good, or prejudice, to happen to Persons from their Nativities truly known: But they conclude it altogether impossible for the best of Artists to point at the particular Persons, or Places, by whom, or where, they shall receive the same. And that is the meaning of *Ptol. Cent. Aphor. 1.* How then dares Mr. L. (without all Authority or Reason) prate in so high a strain, that is (questionless) incompetent to any, except God himself? But to follow Mr. L. a little further; if we shall consider the force of the *M. C. ad 8 h.* in the K. of Swedes Nativity, there was a great deal more Reason for Mr. L. to have judged, that he should rather lose the *Sound*, then keep it. And had not Mr. L. endeavoured to appear Anti-Astrological in his writings, he could not but know, that that had been (by far) the more Art-like Prediction. Albeit, Mr. L. goes on, and saith --- *For whom Heavens have ordained Rampant and Victorious, In vain it is*

for man, or men, to withstand his rising. But (saith he) since we may seem to speak in clouds, we intend in this discourse onely the Victorious Armies of his Majesty of Sweden to be the Person so powerful, &c. If Mr. L. in all Farnabee's Rhetorique, can but find a figure that doth in the least favour so strange a passage as this before us, I shall acknowledge him better read therein then I am. He intends only the Victorious Armies of his Majesty of Sweden, to be the Person, &c. May not a man (that is not encompassed with Mr. L's Clouds) as reasonably, and with as good sence, and propriety of speech, in commendation of Mr. L. say -- By such a Discourse, we onely intend the many unparallel'd Profelytes of Mr. L. to be the Person so learned in Astrology among us? I appeal to the Judgements of all understanding men, whether Mr. L. be guilty of more sence in the passage urged before, then this amounts to. If Mr. L. ever went to School, he cannot but remember that Boys have been whipp'd for far smaller faults. But these are onely flight dashes of his *He-Sparrow's quill*, as one of his Antagonists, once (in vain) minded him of. But,

———— Plus foetent Stercora mota. (i.)

Dunghils the more you stir, the more they stink.

Mr. L. after long flattering the K. of *Swede*, and sore threatening the *Dane*, *Hollander*, &c. if they engage against that Victorious Prince whom the Heavens (in his flattering Dialect) have ordain'd Rampant, betakes himself to a very convenient starting-hole, If in case it should so fall out, that the K. of *Swede* do not prosper so well, as he Prophecies, &c. And (like a good Christian Astrologer, maintains) *The best Army, or longest sword, hath the best Cause.* By which it appears, that Mr. L's Religion is as rotten and corrupted, as his Astrology and Theurgy unsound.

But to follow Mr. L. a little further yet. ——— (though not *ἔτι πῶδας*) doth he not insinuate the *Hollander*, and *Dane*, to have the best cause, in case the God of Battels give them the Victory over the K. of *Sweden*? Nay, may we not estimate Mr. L's Conscience to be of so large a size, that if the *Dane* or *Hollander* would but Grease him, as the K. of *Swede* hath done, or but a little more, Mr. L. as the Proverb is, would Claw them again; and in his next *Merlin* would appear as confident on the side of the *Mag-*

unanimous K. of Denmark, and the High and Mighty States of Holland, as now he hath for the Victorious and Rampant K. of Sweden.

But surely Mr. L. cannot be of so unstable a judgement, nor doth he mean, or insinuate any such thing, as that the Hollander or Dane, can be thought to have the best cause, although they should fortune to have the longest Sword, or best Army. And that you may know him to be of a quite contrary Opinion, to what his now cited words import, he bursts into a flattery of the first Magnitude for the Swede, to the absolute ruine of the Hollander, &c. in these words. — Beware Hollanders of affronting his Majesty of Swedens Navy, or Sea-Forces, or his most certain Friend the present English L. P. any of his Navy, or particular Ships: His Majesty of Swede, and our Protector have the most masculine spirited Seamen of the whole World, and a gracious Guardian Angel (therein is Mr. Lillies greatest skill) for to protect both their persons and forces, &c. — This Eclipse threatens breach of Peace between England and Holland [how know you that Sir? ♂ and ♀ are therein in Δ; and can Δs in your Astrology produce Breaches?] and from thence a War, and that so great, as the former may be thought a trifle. Our Noble Sea-men are promised Victory, [what, before they have an Enemy to engage against?] for in Waters upon the waters, upon people who live like Fishes, wholly upon the waters, and subsist by Seas and waters [Tautology is no sin with Mr. L.] will the Influence of this Eclipse take place; therefore our Swedish Sea-Forces, shall transmit thousands of the Dutch Sea-men unto the Fishes for their better Nutriment.

Quid dignum tanto feret hic promissor hiatu?

Would you the truth of such great Victory?

'Tis Lillie's Guise to promise his Friends high.

I might demand of Mr. L. (in relation to this his Notorious Non-sequitur, wherefore he brings his strange therefore? And whether the consequence would not as roundly have followed, had the premises been turned the contrary way? But let Mr. L. go on, and chaunt forth (yet further) his Syren Songs of flattery to the K. of Sweden, and tell him — That he shall be as great as Charls the great, &c. the M.C. to the body of Saturn, will prove him to be a person that keeps Mendacium as a Page to his Pen and Tongue.

But notwithstanding this so insolent threat of his to the poor Hollander, If he have but the good hap to get the longest Sword, and the best Army, (they are Mr. L's own words) he hath the best

*Cause*; And then (if Mr. L. say sooth) he may by this Eclipse be impowered to transmit thousands of the Swedes Sea-men to feed the Fishes; as likely as the Swedes theirs. But I hope both those Nations will be more prudent, then adhere to any such reasonless Flatteries and Threats, as Mr. L's Silly Pamphlets are constantly stuffed with. So I proceed from his Annual Judgements, to his Mensurnal Fopperies.

*Sest. 3.* In January he Propheesies — That some peremptory Spirits divulge frivolous Tenents, and their Crabby opinions, to the disturbance of the Magistrate in several places. But there hath as little success answered this whimsical Presage, as he had ground in Art to Predict it, the first part onely excepted, which he (it may be) foresaw his own ridiculous scribbling to make good. He proceeds, and rattles of *An eminent person to suffer disgrace*. Which he may possibly interpret to some one of the Ladies (for the Sex he mentions not) who were carried to *Bridewell* upon suspicion of dishonesty about the beginning of *February*; for you must know his Predictions emit Rays.

In *February*, he talks of a Storm to happen to those persons near the Sea-shore, that are Enemies to the greatness of Sweden. But were there any truth in Monethly Predictions (a work at which Mr. L. is old excellent!) how came he to Miss so grossly in this? There was a storm 'tis true, but the heat thereof fell upon the Swedes; which Mr. L. no more foresaw, then the creeping of the Scotch K. into England. But that you may know him to be the all-sufficient Astrologer of England, he goes on — Some Plot once more in contrivance, to make division, &c. But, —

*There was no Plot, save that which keeps us poor;*  
as Mr. Wharton wittily Noted in his *Cal. Eccl. 1659.* Unless to that we add Mr. L's design to disgrace Astrology.

In *March* Mr. L. Cants after his wonted rate, of *Englands Guardian Angel*. In such whimsies he should have the right hand of *Jo. Blagrove*; yet they are confidents of a stamp; And God knows, a Guardian Angel may be somewhat to Eat, for any knowledge either of them have thereof. But to keep in with the K. of Swede, Mr. L. tells the World, *That he is, and will be sole Master of the Sound.* But (a little after faith he) *we arrive not yet with our pen to the Baltique Sea, &c.* As if the Sound were at some considerable distance from the Baltique Sea. I see by this, his good Genius doth now and then deceive him. Toward the

Moneths end, he writes — *Some now flatter our Nation.* Which is admirably well verified by his own clawing the late Protector. And is not that a rare Artist; that can so order his matter, *let things fall out which way they will, his Predictions* (like a Cat) *shall still happen right upon their Legs?*

In April (as if he were ashamed of his former clawing humor) he tells us — *That there are several confederacies made against the Swede.* But how should we credit Mr. L. in this? who are they that dare Confederate against him, whom heavens have ordained Rampant and Victorious? Or what success in such undertaking can they hope for? *When they, not onely fight against heaven, but must grapple also with the dire Amulet of a Guardian Angel, and Mr. L's sowre Predictions.* But he goes on — *A Plague or new Disease, and Pyracry from the Western parts, division, uncertain Rumors and fears, threaten us.* — And yet (saith he) *The Month in general promiseth fair to City and Country.* I confess my self ignorant in the Cabal of such a Canting strain. 'Tis just like that of the Satyrists *Tyresias* — *Quicquid dicam, aut erit, aut non.* Whatsoever he saith, shall either be, or not be.

In May his Ignorance and flattery is so obvious, that each boy in the street is able to lend him a squib for it. Hear him a little: *The English L. P. now enters upon action, and manifests himself to the whole World, that he hath great abilities to govern, &c.* And a little after, *R. L. P. stoops not, is not terrified with words, provides for all occasions — is made happy with several most welcome News unto him.* And behold! The very same time that he had Calculated this auspicious Prediction for, the Protector mildly made a resignation of his Power, Protectorship and all! which Mr. L. being twitted with, *in a scurrile base manner call'd him fool!* But 'tis one of the least of his Insolencies; for so he abused the present Parliament when turn'd out by the Protector *Oliver*; though to the skyes he had magnified them before. As I may hereafter more largely inform the World of.

In June he saith — *Some dangerous design is now prepared against his Highness.* But here he is proved a lying Prophet; for his Highness was laid by the last month. In July, he Temporizes, but not fitly, that — *the wisdom of our Protector and Council, gives the whole world occasion to know, that the present affairs of England are in a good posture.* But had we had then a Protector, his Prediction nevertheless had proved a lie. For at the same time, our affairs were like to have been blown up by the Enemies then among us; witness the *Cheshire* Insurrection. But Mr. L. will say perhaps that he was to be understood by an *artiprogos*. His Readers ought to be so understood indeed, when they report him an Astrologer.

In August he feigns---That some Church-men, &c. obtain more then vulgar preferment (that they must do sure, if they obtain any at all) yet toward the end he Predicts ---That Fryers and Monks suffer every where. Now let them either obtain preferment or suffer, you see Mr. L. hath hit it to a hair; and will speak truth still (in despite of the father of Lies) though at a most horrible lying rate.

In September, he acquaints the world---That the death of many Commanders may be feared. But this Prediction (if Mr. L. could have hit so right) might better have fitted February, at what time so many were slain at the Storming Copenhagen. He goes on---A sad doom is preparing and ready to fall upon some Northern people; a judgement it is like to be of continuance ('tis no matter, so it never come to execution!) not easily removable; it smells of servitude and bondage. Now let the K. of Swede be routed, or Rout the Dane, &c. here's a Presage to fit the foot of either, and Mr. L's credit secure. If Captivity overtake him whom Heaven fights for, 'tis no fault of Mr. L's; for he hath discharged the part of a good Astrologer in this very Prediction. In October, he twattles at the same rate. And should it so happen that Mr. L's; Lyon Rampant be overcome, he is not the first (may Mr. L. say) that hath been so: *did not Sampson slay a Lyon?*

In November Mr. L. talks as confidently, as vainly ---The Swedes are not retired to their winter quarters, having some honourable work to perform. He had done the K. of Swede more service (and the Art he professeth more honour,) to have acquainted him, that then the Sun will be Eclipsed in Scorpio, neer his Radical place in that K's Nativity. But *Merlinus Verax* hath done that for him.

To end his Notorious piece of Flattery --- In December he concludes Hypothetically --- If Carolus Gustave the Great K. of Swede, write himself Rex Danæ, possessor of Copenhagen, make W. of Branderburgh repent in Sackcloth and Ashes, Kick and Cuff the Hogens of Holländ out of the Baltique Sea, and Petition his Majesty (I spare the Non-sence hereof) in Quality of distressed States; Let them hereafter beware of fighting against Providence. Thus ends this Metropolitan Artift! and to make an end of following him, I will only demand of him what reason he hath (besides the Gold Chain) to insinuate the loss of the K. of Denmark's crown? *did ever any man that had any thing of Art in him, before, conclude it possible for that K. to loose his Kingdom, that had the Sun in Aries in the mid-heaven, in Trine to the Ascendent of which he is Lord?* Let Mr. L. produce but one Astrological reason or experiment; and--- *Erit mihi Magnus Apollo.* Nay, he shall be (by me) honoured as the second John Baptist, which he saith is required. But if he cannot, Let him blush at his ill-tempered confidence, for broaching such broad-fac'd Barbarisms for Art. By which Penitency, he may obtain a better Opinion of all those, whose understandings he hath for many years together most grossly deluded.

#### POSTSCRIPT.

If Mr. L. this next year, write his recantation-Almanack, Let him for his Credit's sake acquit himself (if so be he be able) of the several Errors and Ignorances charged upon him in this Discourse: If he refuse this advice, and publish another Mess of Flatteries, Falsities, and Non-sence; in the form of an Almanack; he will then on'y put me to the trouble of another Examen; and suffer his Reputation to run into the Quicksands of a far greater hazard and Danger.

F I N I S.

Hereunto is annexed,

The NATIVITY of the King of SWEDEN.

