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All this while I perceived no alteration in her Behaviour: So after Dinner they went and took a new Lodging in Newgate street, but I did not know of it till aserwards; he was a great while gone, at last she said, what, but Mr. Montgomery lest me, and will not his Wise come near me? and then she began to be a little concerned, but after she was better, and then we went to her Lodging in Newgate-street, and there was every thing in good Order, and we went to Cards at Lank-tra-lue for 6d a Dozen; and then at Night it was ask'd her if she would go to bed, and she readily consented: This was the second Night, and I opened the Curtain and look'd upon her, and saw nothing of any discomposure in her,

but an equal Satisfaction in both their Faces.

The next Morning my Lord Chief Justice's Order came out to take Mrs Wharton, wherever the could be had; then the Landlord told Captain Campbel of it, That there was a Message come to him for his Wife : then it was after advised that we should retire, and I put on my Cloaths and came down Stairs, and found Captain Campbel gone, and the was drefling her felf, but I faw no Concern in her; then I went to a Coffee-house, and smoaked a Pipe, and then came back again, and found that she was carried a way. And Gentle-men, take notice of this, pray now, what the faid to the Landlord before the went; 'Tis true, fays the, that what I have done is by my own Confent, but, however, I cannot love him, and therefore will not live with him , but I will not hurt one Hair of any of their Heads. This the Gentleman, the Apothecary in Newgare Hreet, told me himself. The next Sunday after this I sent one Mr. Angeire to my Landlord's House to take me out some Linnen out of my Chamber; and he told me, when he came back, That there was none but the Maid at home: Then fays I, I may go the more fafe, and take out some Linnen my self: So I went to the House, and faw my Landlord and Landlady, who told me, with all imaginable Expressions of Kindness, That I should be safe; but when I went in I was immediatly taken by the Constables there. This

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is the Truth as near as I can speak it. Gentlemen, I tell you, as I am a Dying Man, that I never saw any thing done by Force, neither was there any Intentions to force any thing upon this Gentlewoman contrary to her own Inclinations: But indeed it is true, I was a Stranger to the Laws of England, which says, That an Accissary shall be found Guilty as well as the Principal.

Here he stopp'd a little, the Divines speaking to him ---- then

went on.

Gentlemen, I had forgot one thing until these Reverend Divines put me in mind of it: Mr. Montgomery told me, That he would affure me, that there should no Damage fall upon me in the whole matter; when I was invited to the Wedding, I told him, that if I thought there were any evil designs in it, I would sacrifice my self before I would have any hand in it.

Now Gentlemen, give me leave to give you a little hint of the Hardships that I have met with fince my imprisonment, though by the way, I do not at all reflect upon the good Constitutions of the Laws of this Land, nor upon the King Judges, nor Jury, but

only to some passages that occurred upon my Tryal.

First, When I was brought before the Judges, I subpound in Mrs. C, and her Maid; who knew the thing before I knew of it, when I brought them in, as to be Witnesses for me, they were immediatly indicted and brought in as Criminals, so that their Evidence could not avail any ways for me. And more, which is a little hard, the Coachman was brought in, and they acquitted him to bring in his VVisea VVitness against me, this is hard.

Now, Gentlemen, there is another hardfrip, though not equivalent to this, When Mrs. Campbel was fick, that was not taken notice of, but when Pontacks was brought to Witness, That there was no Force at all used to this Lady, Pontacks (I pray God forgive him, I freely and heartily do) then said, that he saw a discomposure in her Face: which I take God to witness, that I saw no such thing, and when this man came in, he declared quite contra-

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