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The Fallacies of Mr. William Prynne, discovered and confuted, in a short View of his Books intituled; The Soveraignty of Parliaments, the Opening of the great Scale. &c.

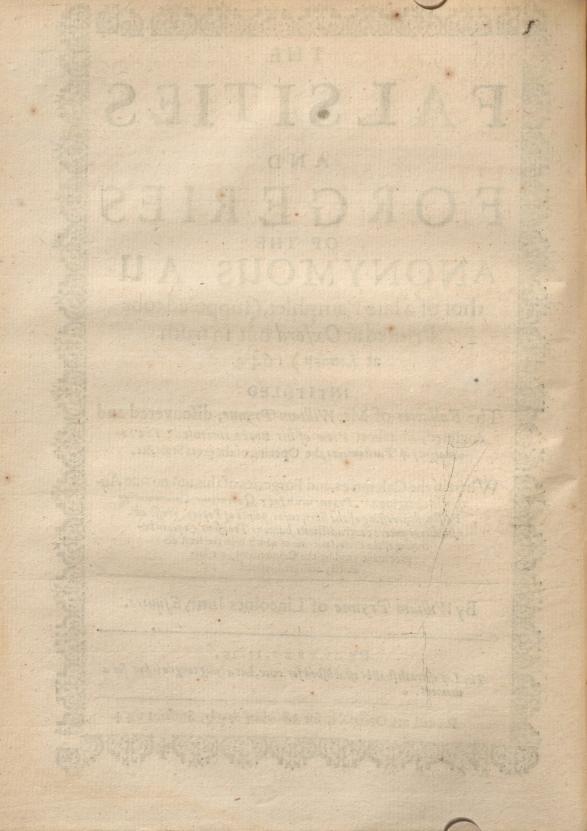
Wherein the Calumnies, and Forgeries of this unknowne Author in charging Mr. Prynne with false Quotations, Calumniating Falshoods, wresting of the Scriptures, points of Popery, grosse absurdityes, meere contradictions, hainous Treasons, & plain betraying of the Cause, (not one of which is in the least degree made good by the Calumniator) are succincily answered, resuted.

By William Prynne of Lincolnes Inne, Esquire.

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The Lip of truth shall be established for ever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

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THE FALSITYES AND FORGERIES OF AN

Anonymus Author.

T is an easy matter for any person of a brazen face, and seared Conscience to be a standerer, and by a fallacious misreciteing, perverting, dismembring, other mens works, to become a seeming Refuter of them. The fairest natural or artificial Bodies, may soon be metamorphozed into the most missage Monsters, if torne into consused frag-

ments, and then patched up together into a disorderly Chaos, where all the parts and members shall be dislocated, disunited, confounded and put into Hotch-Potch. This cobling kinde of Artifice hat h that Botcher used, who composed the Pamphlet intituled, The Fallacies of Mr. William Prynne discovered and refuted: who instead of discovering and resuting any Fallacies, or Falsities of Mr. Prynnes, in an orderly or Scolasticall manner, hath taken much unnecessary paines, to cull out here and there a word or line, out of his wrightings on severall subjects, and then patched them up together into inferences and arguments of his owne forging; fighting onely with his owne shaddow, and mangling, misreporting, perverting all the passages he recites, (as the Reader may at first view discerne) instead of answering, or resulting any thing which he hath written.

Wherefore I shall desire the ingenious Reader, only seriously to peruse the severall Quotations this Cobler hath botched together, in my Bookes themselves, as they are there urged, applyed, connected with the precedent and subsequent discourses to which they have relation, and then the Fallacies, Falsities, and Calumnies of this Anonymous Patcher, (who is so penurious of matter, substance, that he produce th not one text or Author of his owne) will be so apparently discovered, as they will need no surther Re-

futation.

This is not mine owne solitary opinion, but the judgement of other intelligent men, who have read this Pamphlet, to which I was minded to give

no answer, as unworthy anything but contempt. Yet being desired by some friends to reply some-what to it, least this Champion should deeme his Patched Fardle urefragable, and overmuch abuse the Reader and my selfe with his slanderous talthoods, I shall return no other answer to his charge of Calumniating falshoods, wresting of the scriptures, Points of Popery, grosse absurdities, meere contradictions, hainous Treasons, and plaine betraying of the Cause, but onely this, that the Pamphletter is most grossy mistaken, and hath most falsly aspersed me in all these particulers, as the mangled pages of my books, which he recites by fragments, will manifest to all who shall doe me so much justice as to appeale unto, and seriously perule them, without diminution or prejudice.

There are onely two or three more confiderable Calumnies he would fix upon me, that need some answer, and in answering them alone, you may clearly discover, both the palpable Falsties, Forgeries, Fallacies of this

Slanderer, who is ashamed to set his name to his shamefull worke.

The first and principall charge against me is, false Quotations, witnesse the title page; Wherein is laid open his false quotations, &c. &p.2. to 9. he do he deliver in an heavy imputation in the plurall nuber; of false quotations. Yet when he brings in his Catalogue of them, among those thousand quotatios. I have produced in my wrightings, he can charge me but with one, no more p. 3. I will not (saith he) undertake to examine his false Quotations, being deterred by their magnitude and multitude. I will produce but one Quotation. A strange kind of Calumny, to charge me in the Title and Book with a magnitude and multitude of salse quotations, and yet to be able to instance but in one alone.

Mr.Pryn. Append. p. 18.

But this one is, at Leonem: a rare one. Ex ungue Leonem. Gueffe at the Author by this example, It is out of Bodine, that (as he flileth him) Learned French Lawyer, and Statesman, De Repub. 1. 2.c. 1.p.222. Bodine saith, it e alwayes bath and shall be lawfull for subjects to take wicked Princes out of the ' may: Can a sentence be quoted more plaine and full against our cause, and for their cause, then this of Bodine? But if Bodine speakes no such thing, but more plainly andfully for our cause, against their cause, what may wee thinke of Mr. Prynne the quoter, &c. First, In the place quoted l.2. c. I. there are no fuch words, &c. So he p. 3 Here is a great cry indeed, but little wool, for in the very same page, we have confitentem reum, in these most positive termes. Secondly, I(writes he) confesse the words quoted are in the fifth chapter of the 2 book (and that in page. 2 2 2. which I quoted:) where then is the false quotation? The words are there; but not in the first but fift Chapter of the second Book: what then: they are in the same Bookean Page I quoted, but the Printer printed the first chapter instead of the fifth in some Coppies, Contrary to my Written Coppie, and Quotations in Print in other Coppies, and places. Ergo my Quo

quotation is salse; Grant this, yet it is not false, neither in the matter, page, booke, but Chapter onely, which the Printer, not I mistooke? Surely a very grand offence if reduced into a Logicall Argument. The Printer misprinted the chapter in some coppies; But Mr. Prynne misquoted not the words, booke, page, nor chapter of Bodine in any kind: Ergo he is guilty of a multitude of salse quotations, at least of one, at Leonem, but a rare one. So he disputes.

A rare one indeed, such as was never heard of in the world before, a true Quotation in every particle, yet slandered for a false one: which gives me just occasion to repay him with his owne coyne. p. 3. Ex ungue Leonem, guesse at the (truth of this) Author by this example, the sole misquotation he

chargeth me with.

Yea but he subjoynes p. 3. Note what a faire inference Mr. Prynne here maketh. These Reguli or little Kings of the Cities of the Gaules, might be put to death by the Nobility to which they were subject. Appe. p. 17. So Bodine, by whose words it is cleare; that the Ancient Kings of France were inferiour in jurisdiction to their whole Kingdomes and Parliaments; yea censurable by them to defend of position or death. This indeed is my inference, which he neither doth nor can disprove, since the Ancient Gaules had no other Kings but these their Reguli; who might be put to death: and no universall absolute Monarches.

as Bodine and all French Historians acknowledge.

Yet his greatest quarrell with me is behinde p.4. for leaving out part of Bodines words with an, &c. Appendix, p. 18 viz. But if the Prince be an abfoluse Soveraine, as are the true Monarches of France, &c. Where the Kings themselves have the Soveraignty, without all doubte or question not devided with their subjects. In which &c. I omit ed these words, of Spaine, England, Scotland, Turkie, Moscovy, Tartary, Persia, Athiopia, India, and of almost all the Kingdomes of Africk and Asia, which interveene between, where the Kings themselves have the soverainty, and the true Monarches of France, and for this omission though with an, &c. he cryes out thus, Fye, sye, holy Mr. Prynne, can your santified penne, Volens videns que, wittingly, and wilfingly, abuse so perversly a learned French Lawyer, and so permitiously our gracious King of England?

But I pray you Sir, what cause is there of such an exclamation for this omission, with an, &c. In that place of my Appendix I had nothing to doe with the Kings of England, Spaine, or any other Kingdomes there named by Bodine, but with the Kings of France alone, whom from p. 17. to 51. I prove by undeniable histories and Authorities, to have been inferiour to their Kingdomes, and Parliaments. To recite all these other Kinges thereupon this occasion, who I discoursed of the Fench kings alone, had been an impertinency, a Tautologie, since I distinctly handled the several jurisdictinate ons of the Kings of Englad, Spaine, Scotland, &c. in their proper places & register the Aptited the error of Bodine (though I truly cite his words) that neither the Kings pendix.

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of Spaine, nor France, nor England, nor Scotland, are such absolute Soveraignes as he would make them. The omission therefore of Spaine, England, and Scotland, with an &c. which pointed to, not concealed them, can no wayes be charged on me as a false quotation, or as a witting or willing abuse of Bodines words, as will appear by turning this accusation into arguments.

Master Prynne in reciting Bodines words, concerning the Kings of France alone, omits his mentioning of the Kings of Spaine, England, Scotland, &c. with an, &c. (as this very Momus himselfe in his Censure omits Turkie, Moscovy, Tartary, Persia, &c. rather to be ranked among absolute Tyrants than Kings,) Ergo he hath falsly quoted, and wilfully perverted Bodine.

Master Prynne recites and refutes Bodines opinion, of the absolute Soveraignty of those Kings, in the objected and other places. Ergohe misrecites Bodine. If these be not most absurd Arguments, and calumniating

falshoods, letthe world judge.

*Part.1.p. of his, in fundry pages of his Bookes, but misquoted him in no place what104. 105. soever: Ergo this Botcher hath misquoted, misreported Mr. Prynne, and
106. Part.2.p.9 must cry peccavi for it. And for his odious subinference p. 4. it is his owne

10.22.23. alone, not mine.

This Champion having thus manfully played the flanderer in this one 21.45.46.

2 notation, which he in vaine labours to prove false, would willingly propart. P. 3. ceed to others, p. 7. but he there ingeniously confesseth, he wants his tooles 109.111. to doe his worke, and I have not (quoth he) the bookes cited by him. Certainely 144. if he wants his Books, and the Books I cite, to examine my quotations by, it Apendix. must needs be an impudent apparent flander in him, to tax me of misquo-23.89.100 tations of those Authors he confesseth, he never saw nor read: the rather, be-

cause he writes in the same page, that my Quotation out of Speed seemeth somwhat amisse; yet presently confesseth of himself in the same page; I never saw it, nor heard it, till I read it in Mr. Prynnes Book, and that he never read

Mr. Speed, How dares he then terme it, a feeming Misquotation?

Isthisman (thinke you) likely to refute or convince me of false Quotations, who thus confesseth, that he neither hath, nor hath read, nor heard of the Books and Passages which I cite?*Si judicas, cognosce, was the Ancient rule: I pray therefore get and read my quoted Authors hereafter, before you presume to charge me with misquotations, else all must censure

you for the groffest slanderer that ever put pen to paper.

For the pretended Falshoods, Paradoxes, Absurdities and Absurd opinions he would fasten on me, p. 8. to 14. they are most of them his owne misrecitals, not my assertions; and so farre as any of them are really mine, my Pages whence they are transcribed, will sufficiently manifest them to be neither Falshods, Paradoxes, Absurdities, nor absurd opinions.

The Popery he would afperfe me with page 14.15 is eafily wiped of.

* Seneca

Medea.

For first, both the text and Comment of Roomes-master peece, is neither a Fiction nor pia fraus, unlesse he will make it so in the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, Sir William Boswell, Habernsield, and the King himselfe, under whole hands it is extant, and bath been represented to the Parliament. If this suffice not, the Preface to the second Edition of Roomes-master peece, will either satisfie or silence this Father of falshoods.

Secondly, the visions and Revelations of King Edwardthe Confessor, cited in my Remonstrance against Shipmoney, p. 22. & ofone of the Monks of Clerwauls, Opening of the great Seale, p., 5.6. are not recited by Mr. Prynne, as reall verityes, or convincing argumets against Shipmoney, & Lordly Bishops, but onely, de bene ese, to manifest what opinion the Monks and Historians who record them, had of Danegeld and Prelacy. And Mr. Prynnes other Arguments, Authorityes against Shipmony cited in that Remonstrance, and against Lordly Prelates and Prelacy, registered in his Vnbishoping of Timethy and Titus, his Breviate, Catalogue of Authours of all ages, and Antypathy of the English Lordly Prelacy, to Vnity and Monarchy, are so sollid and Copious, that no man hath hitherto attempted to return the least answer to them, nor indeed can doe it, so that he needed not the helpe of Visions, Revelations, or popish pious Frands, to satisfy or delude his Readers in these points debated by him.

For the other pretended points of Popery, perverting of the Scripture, of Lames, Treasons, and betraying of the Cause, they are so abundantly answered, refuted in my Books at large, in the pages quoted by this Authour, that I shall wholly appeale to them, & the indifferent perusers of them, both for my Purgation and Justification, in all particulars; which books having both thespeciall licenced & good Approbation of the high Court of Parliament, and of thousands of all forts both at home and beyond the Seas, (who have highly approved them, and recieved good satisfaction by them, in the present unhappy controverted differences that distract us,) need no further Apology against this Namelesse Slanderer and Deprayer, to whom I onely wish more venity, honesty, ingenuity, for the suture, then he hath here discovered for the

present.



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Larned Gisbertus Voetius prosessour of Utrechet his testimony of Mr. Prynnes Bookes Of the soveraigne Power of Parliaments in this letter to Mr. Walter Strickland, (the Parlaments Agent in the Netherlands) dated Ultraiecti Non. Febr, 1644.

Accepi nuperrime commodato librum Gulielmi Prynne, tam diu mihi desideratum; & rationes omnes cum Responsionibus tam solide et erundite pro Parlameteis contra Adversarios instructas atque explicatas deprehendi, ut non videam quid ultra desiderari possit. Debebat Tractatus ille Latine et Gallice exstare, ut à Resormatis Theoligis, et Politicis in Europà legi possit.



