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The Limehouse DREAM, &c.

Returning Home Weary to my Lodging the other Night, which is (as you must know) Courteous Reader, at the farther End of *Lime-House*, in a Garrat up four pair of Stairs, having supp'd with some Dear Friends at *Pon-tack's*, elevated with enliv'ning *Champaign*, and Good Company, having drank *Sacheverell's* Health in Bumpers, I ported to Bed; and as you may believe soon fell asleep, and was then entertain'd with so Odd a DREAM, that I thought it might be as welcome to the Publick, as *Squire Bickerstaff's* Lucubrations.

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I shall therefore relate it without Preamble, just as it appear'd to my busy Fancy. I was, methought, call'd out of Bed by a Person altogether unknown to me, in a Tatter'd Habit, with a Parchment on his Breast, like an Accusation, in which was writ *Passive Obedience* and *Non Resistance*: And indeed he look'd as if he had been lately Pillory'd. Follow me quickly, said he, I'll shew you a Transaction that is not only the Wonder, but the Deversion of all Mankind at present, and will be the Jest of future Ages. I started up, and resolutely follow'd him, laughing to see his Posteriors, which appeared at every Step, thro' the Rents of a Canonical Habit a well disposed Non juror had, as he said, bestow'd upon him, and was immediately brought into a great Plain, where I saw a stately Cathedral much Resembling St. Paul's, and a Large Conventicle surrounded with a multitude of People of all Ages, Professions and Qualities; some having Coronets,
Some

ome Mitres, some Lawyers, some Parsons Habit on: All sorts of Mechanicks had a hand in the Fray; but those who appear'd most busy to foment the Enthusiastick Rage that appear'd to inspire the whole Multitude, were a sort of Monsters with Little Bands, Black Coats, Cloven Feet, Rolling Eyes, Vultures Claws, Brazen Foreheads, Asses Ears, Mouths from whence issued a sort of Wildfire that took hold of every Mans Garments that had not a Common Prayer Book in his Pocket: And all these People were employ'd, the most part, in Pulling down the Church to Enlarge the Meeting-House, the others in demolishing the Conventicle to Repair the Church; thus every one pluckt a Stone out from the one Place to carry it to other, with such Violence and Haste that the whole Assembly was fill'd with nothing but Noise and Confusion.

I was very inquisitive with my Guide to know the meaning of all this Stir;
He

He told me, that all the poor People I saw Defacing the Church were under the misfortune of being Lunaticks, their Brains being Turn'd with a Poysonous Infusion of an Herb the Monsters I saw, had given them to drink of, which Herb grew and flourish'd first in *Geneva*, and being thence Transplanted into the *Low Countries*, and grown very Rank, was by their Forefathers bought up, and brought into *England*, and by them mixt with the Jesuits Bark, and given as a Potion to drive out a Linger- ing Disease call'd *Passive Obedience* and *Non Resistance*; which was much catch'd by some of the Universities *Schollars*, and seldom is Cured till They come to be Prebends or Bishops: But the Dose said he being of a Poysonous and Hot Nature, generally Throws them into Malignant Fevers and State Convulsions, and so distracts their Intellects, that they mistake a Meeting for the Apostolical Church, and the Assemblies Catechism for the Liturgy; and 'tis as much

such as the Church Party are able to
to keep them from utterly destroy-
g the Church, and breaking down
ll the Fences and Church Walls in
ne Kingdom.

Whilst he was yet speaking, I saw
everal Persons of a Grave Aspect, in
Canonical Habits, pass by with Mufflers
on their Faces Padlock'd on, others
holding their Hands on their Mouths :
The first of these said he are Silenc'd
by Force, the others are bought to it
by large Preferments ; so that not one
dares, or will say any Thing of the
Churches Danger, tho' it were falling
upon their Heads.

He would have proceeded, but a great
Shout made me to turn to see what was
the Matter, and I perceived three or four
hundred of the Lunaticks had broke
into the Church, and pluckt away the
Main Beam to which the Pulpit was
fixt, and were bearing it away to prop
the Meeting-House up. And in few
minutes the whole Church was so torn
that

that the very Foundation shook, and I apprehended it would fall immediately; when a Lovely Youth of Angelick Face and Form, running in to its Rescue, flew into the Church, clap'd himself in the room of the Departed Beam; and tho his Stature seem'd but moderate at his Entry, he immediately seem'd much larger than any Pillar in the Church; and bore it up with such Force and Constancy, that all their Efforts to remove him were ineffectual; till at length in a Rage they left to demolish the Church, and fell altogether upon him, dragging him away from the Altar on which he lean'd to rest, carry'd him before the Judges who were then sitting, it being the Assizes; and there with all the Malice and Clamour imaginable laid a Thousand Crimes of the blackest nature to his Charge: Which when Silence was with much difficulty obtained, one of the most busy, and active among 'em, began in this manner; May it please your Honours, most Serene Judges, the Per-
son

here brought before you, is taken,
 and apprehended, in one of the most
 remarkable Facts in nature: We the
 good Subjects of the Island *Scismatica*,
 acting by Authority, and the benign
 clemency of our Governour, permit-
 to build and raise up a Conventicle
 to the ease of several our weak Bre-
 thren who fall into Convulsions at the
 sight of Pulpit Cloths, Cushions & Altars,
 are seized with the Falling Sicknes, at
 the sound of Hymns and Anthems;
 without Organs as much as Sincerity,
 and Episcopal Government as much as
 truth and Honesty. Having occasion
 to enlarge this well-design'd Structure,
 we only borrow'd some of the Moul-
 ding Stones and Posts of an Old Ca-
 thedral, which our more fortunate
 forefathers, of lasting Memory, con-
 verted into a Useful Stable, and Stews.
 This Impertinent Fellow! this Med-
 dling Fool! this Tool of a Party! comes
 unpudently, and unsent for; claps him-
 self into the place of the Idolatrous Post,
 and

and so stiffly opposes all our Designs, that more than one half of these good People were like to be seduc'd to quit the Godly Undertaking, and forsake us their Illustrious Leaders; These are Crimes of an extensive nature, these are daring Acts of Superstitious Madness: Besides, he went about to persuade the Ignorant Mob their Church was Falling; when alas! no harm was intended: the more substantial part of it does, and may still stand in the Name of *Jupiter*. What would it have signified to have spared us the Ornamental, if such daring Attempts are not stifled in the Beginning, to what a rank growth will they soon come?

I ask'd my Guide who this Person was that spoke with so much Vehemence; he told me his Father was a worthy Patriot and Protector of that Cathedral; but that he was an Apostate, and a particular Friend of those Luciferian Doctors I told you of before.

He had no sooner ended but another p'd up and spoke with as much Interacy, and so did several more; amongst whom was one of the Longest inded Orators I ever heard in my fe, and what surprized me more as to find he had as much Gall as hectorick; he call'd the Unconcerned outh, in whose Face, Innocence and ruth, Courage and Piety bright as the Rising Sun appear'd, *Thou Cunning* *aphister of Hell*, cry'd his Foaming Aciser, *Thou ridiculous Incendary*, and a thousand Opprobrious Names beside; and was seconded by another yet more violent, who cry'd, were I to sentence that *Fellow*, he should be Spitted on a Bramble, laid cross a Saw-pit, Roasted with the Flame of my Wives Top-knots, and a *Major General* of my acquaintance should bring the Drums of his Regiment to make up the Entertainment: Others were for Stigmatizing, Imprisoning, and Gaging him, till at length the whole Assembly fell

to pecking at one another, and Noise and Clamour fill'd the Court; but having obtained Leave to make his Defence, he thus began,

Since it is at length permitted me to speak for my self, before You, Most Noble Lords, and this Compact Assembly, I shall briefly answer to the Crime laid to my Charge, viz. placing my self in the room of a Post; it is not unknown to the whole World that *Posts* are sometimes necessary towards the framing the Building, tho' *Pillars* are the Ornaments and Chief Supports of a Church; and such are the Mutations in this World that *Pillars* are sometimes transform'd into *Posts*. Now why a Man, as I am, may not supply the place of either of these I cannot apprehend; or why the Timber given by our Forefathers for the Sacred Temples use, should be Torn from thence, and an Inroad made into the Church; for our Enemies to enter at? If we must part with the Timber, for we value not the
Stones,

ones, let it, we beseech your Honours,
 be Converted into Three Leg'd Stools,
 for my Accusers, and the Worthy Doc-
 tors with the Brazen Fronts to sit on ;
 and let me remain an Immoveable
 Prop to the Immortal Fabrick, for
 whose Honour I would gladly Dye.
 I had no Malicious, no Sinister Design ;
 but seeing the Conventicle likely to
 over-shadow the Cathedral, and grow
 upon its Ruins ; unable to stop the
 growing Evil, I Placed my self in the
 Gap, and shall never yeild to Repent :
 but on the contrary am ready to be
 sacrificed.

This Discourse, methought, stung his
 Adversaries, but more his Constancy ;
 they call'd for Books and Presidents,
 had long Debates, Trifl'd away much
 Time ; but after much Discourse, one
 of the Judges who had been long under
 the Hands of the *Genevean* Doctors, for
 a Tertian Ague, for which he had ta-
 ken vast quantities of the Intoxicating
 Drink ; proceeded to appease the Cla-
 mour,

mour, by giving Sentence; tho, said he, we have no particuler Laws already made, that relate to a Fact of this Nature; yet since so Abominable a Crime, ought not to go unpunish'd, we decree, that a Large Padlock be Affixt on the Offenders Mouth, in such sort, that tho he may be able to Squeake Hymns, and Old Ballads; yet he shall in no wise be able to Cry Aloud, or make any Idolatrous Outcry; no not even, tho the Old Cathedral were falling upon his Head, and to punish his Insolence, and be a Warning to all his Incurable Party let the Pulpit and Old Chantry Book be Burnt under his Nose, and his Name be Affix'd on every Post.

He would have proceeded, when a Violent Fit of the Ague seiz'd him, so that the Seat shook under him, in so much that he was fain to be carried off Instantly. At the same time methought a prodigious Tempest arose, and South-west Wind Rent the Conventicle from the Top to the Foundation. The
Youth

outh was born away in a Shining
 loud, his Followers were lifted up in
 the Air, and carry'd to an Adjacent
 Hill, on the right Hand, whereon I
 saw a spacious City descend, into which
 they Enter'd, Singing *Te Deum* and
Halleluja! till the Skies Eccho'd; then
 an Earthquake follow'd, at which the
 Conventicle Vanish'd, and the Multi-
 tude of Lunatics fled; except the Me-
 dicinal Miscreants who were Swallow'd
 up; at which I heard a general Laugh
 through all the Globe. My Guide
 Smil'd at their Destruction and my
 Confusion, which last was Inexpressible,
 till the Seraphick Voice of a Beautiful
 Youth from the Hill, Dissipated my
 Surprize, Reassum'd my Spirits, and
 Compos'd my Disorder'd Thoughts:
 His Stature was Tall, his Shape Incom-
 parably Perfect, his Face Spoke the
 Angel and the Man, his Eyes were
 Black and Shining; and methought,
 when he turn'd his Head towards the
 Flying Lunatics, they look'd back,
 and

and Trembl'd, Bowing: His Hair hung
 in Inchanting Curles down to his grace-
 ful Shoulders; a Garment of Gold and
 Purple he had on, and on his Head a
 Crown, such as adorn the Blest Above;
 His Form spoke him something more
 than of Mortal Race: And I concluding
 he was one of those Ethereal Youths
 that wait upon the Eternal Throne;
 listning, adored the Supream Goodness,
 whilst in Immortal Strains he Sang,

*Mortal look up, and glorifying see,
 How bounteous Heav'n incessantly takes care
 Of suffering Innocence, and Piety,
 And ever fly the Curst Schismatick Snare.*

*In vain the Daring, Busy, Scorpions strive
 To rule the Roast, and ruin Church and State,
 The Hour is come, Vertue again shall thrive,
 And Vice shall feel the Iron Hand of Fate.*

*Stupendious Wonders Heav'n at length prepares
 To Save, and Bless this too unthankful Isle;
 Peace shall succeed to end unnatural War,
 The Wicked drooping mourn, all good Men smile.*

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*the Church Triumphant, with her Sons adorn'd,
 shall henceforth lift her awful Head on High;
 the Arts shall thrive, the Golden Age return'd,
 the Priests, and Hypocrites shall banisht fly.*

*What I'd reveal, strange Mysteries unknown,
 what Heav'n to Man forbids, I can no more,
 the wisht for Hour's at Hand, I must be gone,
 with Patience wait, and thankfully adore.*

Just as this Myttick Musick finish'd,
 was Waked with the Dismal Screams
 of Hawkers, who went crying, *Hobs* of
Malmsbury's Letter to his Brother *Ben.*
Hoadly, and *Fair Warning*. It was some-
 time before I recollected my self, or
 knew where I was; but at length find-
 ing all that had past was only a Dream,
 tho indeed it was some time before I
 could perswade my self that it was not
 something more; so Lively was the
 Idea Imprinted upon my Mind. I Rose
 and Drest my Self, and step'd to an old
Tarpaulin Friend of mine, to whom
 relating the Visionary Story, he advi-
 sed

fed me to oblige the Publick with it, who perhaps may be better able than I am at present, to find out, or give some Signification to it: And it is my earnest Request to all Lovers of Art, that if any of them can find out the Interpretation, they will oblige me with it; Directing to my Old Friend to be left for me: And it will very much oblige their Most

Humble Servant

Andrew Marvell, Junr

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