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Tros Rutulusve fuat nullo discrimine habebō. VIR.

By M. B. DRAPIER.



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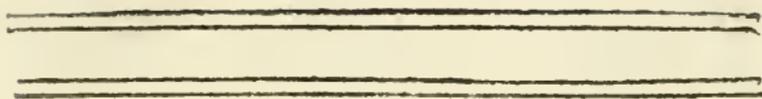
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To the Right Honourable the

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MY LORD,

I Have read over the Pamphlet your Lordship put into my Hands, entitled, *Thoughts on the Affairs of Ireland*, and as you do me the Honour to desire my Opinion of it, shall give it your Lordship impartially.

I apprehend the Foundation of your Request was owing to my residing in that
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Kingdom for some Time, which might enable me to form a clearer Judgment of the Disputes prevailing in the *Irish* P—t, than others who have never cross'd the Sea thither: And, indeed, the Knowledge I have of many of the Members of the H— of C—ns, and the frequent Opportunities I had of being present at their Debates, have entirely convinc'd me of the direct Falshood of the principal Position contain'd in this Writing, namely, *That the Irish are setting up for an Independency of England*, which the Author would insinuate to be the *sole Basis of all the Dissentions* known on the *other* Side of the Water, and talk'd on so much of *this*; and, with great Gravity, proposes to discuss the Question of Independency, by asking four more; or, to use his own Words, *to state some Questions, and give the Arguments on both Sides*, in order to *determine impartially* this Matter, and wishes *his Capacity was equal to his Impartiality*. As to the latter, I believe he has succeeded, and has got his Wish; for, to me, *his Capacity and Impartiality* seem to be *pretty near equal*, and upon a Par.

But before we come to these *ingenious* Questions, the Author begins with giving us an *History of Ireland*, and of the *Temper of the Natives*, under the several Princes from *Henry II.* to his present Majesty, which, from its frequent Allusions to *Bottles and Corks*, and to *Corks and Bottles*, may, with no Impropropriety, be called a *Bottle-History* of that Kingdom, and the Author a *Bottle-Historian*, or a *Bottle-Conjuror*, if he should like that Title better. Whether or no he was led into this *inimitable* Vein of *Humour*, from the common Report that the *Irish drink* pretty freely, or that he began this elegant Piece of Reason at a *Tavern*, and over *his Bottle*, I cannot say; but this, I believe, many of his Readers will be inclined to think, he had *a Bottle in his Head* at the *writing* it; for my part I am of a contrary Opinion I must own, for we say of a Man in Liquor, that he is *a drunken honest Fellow*, and *speaks the Truth*, an Observation, I am afraid, will not be *often* made in the Perusal of *this History*: That the *Antients* thought in this Respect with us, appears from the following Lines in *Horace*,

*Reges dicuntur multis urgere Culullis,
Et torquere mero, quem perspexisse laborant.*

I have *another* Objection, indeed, which has some Weight with me, namely, that had the Author been *drunk*, he would have *wrote better*, for Wine frequently gives *Life* and *Spirit* to the Imagination, neither of which appear *too prodigally dispers'd* throughout *this* Work; and, I know not whether it might not be said, with some Degree of Truth, that almost as many *good Things* have occasionally *flow'd* from the *Bottle*, as the *Pen*: But, that the Author had a *Bottle in view*, is evident from the first of his *History of Ireland*, for he tells us, King *Henry II.* was obliged to go over to *pull out the Corks*, to prevent breaking the *Bottles*. In the Time of *Henry VII.* the *Champaigne* began to froth again, and *some Bottles* were broke. In the Time of *Henry VIII.* *Gerard, Earl of Kildare*, bottled up the *Champaigne*, but that resolute Monarch *drew the Corks*, and saved the breaking of the *Bottles*. Then the *Wine* was pretty quiet till the Time of *Queen Elizabeth*, but her *Grace*, who used now and then to swear and kick

kick a little (Delicacies which, by the bye, I never heard her celebrated for) *broke a Number of Bottles*, and *drew the Corks of more*, and *they hardly froth'd again till King Charles I's. Time.* Then comes Cromwell, *an ill-bred rough Fellow*, who went over to Ireland, and *kick'd about*, and *broke above half the Bottles in the Kingdom*; to this the *facetious* Author adds a very merry Remark, that *he supposed he had Jack-boots on*, for *he don't find that the Glafs cut his Shins*: If the Reader don't laugh at this Piece of *Humour*, I'll promise him he'll not laugh at *any other* while the Book is in his Hands, but if he is not of a very *Saturnine* Disposition, he can't help laughing at *so good a Thing*; I am sure I did, and *thought of the Author* at the same Time. We come now to the Glorious and Immortal King *William*, who notwithstanding the *dreadful Havock* our Author tells us he made with the *Bottles* in Ireland, and banish'd 30, or 40,000 of 'em together to *France*, yet I have some Reason to believe has more *Bottles open'd*, if not *drank*, to his *Memory* in *Dublin*, than he ever transported to *Paris*. This Monarch, says our Author, *was obliged to go over himself*; *he not only broke Bottles, and uncork'd*
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the Wine, but sent 30, or 40,000 Bottles to France; this, he adds, was a wise Measure, since it prevented the flying of Corks, and breaking a Number of Bottles. As our Author tells us, this was a wise Thing, to be sure it was so, not but I am apt to think, if King William had never done a wiser, he would not have been held in such Veneration in that Kingdom, for I am certain, if I had been an Irishman, and I dare say, some few of the Gentlemen of that Country will be of my Opinion, I should have thought it very hard, if his Majesty would not have permitted us the Trial at least of finding out some Methods to prevent the flying of Corks, and breaking of Bottles, without sending the Wine to France; nor was England, which lies in the Way thither, much obliged to his Memory in not landing a few Bottles here; for I will venture to say, there were many Honest Fellows in London alive in those Days, who would have uncork'd his Liquor for him, as fast as he sent it in, and with as much Dexterity as any Frenchman of 'em all. But so much for History, says our Author, and indeed I think we have had enough of it. Now, says he, for the present State.

“ It is Sixty Years that *Ireland* hath been
 “ quiet. The Vines planted by King *William*
 “ produced an *excellent Cordial Juice*; but
 “ of late, the *new Wines puff*, and *fume*, and
 “ *fly*; then, he imagines the *Protestants* see
 “ not the *Consequences* of what is *now be-*
 “ *ginning* to be done, and therefore is per-
 “ suaded, that the *present Ferment* will all
 “ *subside*, upon their *calmly considering*, that
 “ it is *against the Interest* of every *English-*
 “ *man in Ireland*, (by which he means *Irish*
 “ of *English Ancestors*) to *attempt INDEPEN-*
 “ *DENCY*. Again, *Dean Swift* was the *first*
 “ since the *Revolution* that *set up* the *Notion* of
 “ the *INDEPENDENCY* of *Ireland*, and raised
 “ ill Blood, by persuading the *Multitude*, that
 “ *Ireland* had a *different Interest* from
 “ *England*, and ought to be *INDEPENDENT*,
 “ took up the *Opportunity* of *Wood’s Half-*
 “ *pence*, (*a strong Instance in his Favour*)
 “ and blew up a *general Flame*, and tho’
 “ the *Blaze* was soon over, yet there *still*
 “ *remains Fire* under the *Asbes*; all this,
 “ and many other *Things*, he charges to the
 “ *Account* of *Dean Swift*, and his *Patron*
 “ *Lord Bolingbroke*; *what Views*, they had,
 “ says he, *let every Irish as well as English*
 “ *Protestant*

“ *Protestant judge* ;” which is *kind enough* in our Author, and has some Degree of *Modesty* in it too, in permitting the *People of Ireland* to be *Judges* of their *own Affairs*, and which must be look’d upon as an *Indulgence* from *one*, who seems to know them *so much better* than any of ’em, so we won’t *quarrel* upon *this Head*, but e’en leave that *Matter*, as he desires, *to them*.

“ Sometimes, continues he, this *latent*
 “ *Fire* breaks out in *Politics*, about *Places*,
 “ or *Members*; then the *discontented Party*
 “ immediately takes up the Claim of INDE-
 “ PENDENCY. Thus all the *Uproars* in
 “ *Westminster* for *seven Years* together were
 “ supported by the charming Word, INDE-
 “ PENDENCY. If a *Surveyor-General* is
 “ *accused* by *some*, and *defended* by *others*,
 “ say, that it is for the INDEPENDENCY of
 “ the Kingdom to *turn him out*. If any one
 “ has a Mind to *lessen* the *Prerogative* of the
 “ *Crown* of Great-Britain in *Ireland*, all
 “ *good Patriots* must assist, for *this* is for
 “ INDEPENDENCY ;” and then follow his
 decisive Questions.

1st, Is it JUST for the *present* Irish to desire to be INDEPENDENT of BRITAIN ?

2dly, Would it be ADVANTAGIOUS to *Ireland* to be INDEPENDENT of *Britain* ?

3dly, Could *Britain* be a *great* and *flourishing* Nation, if *Ireland* was an INDEPENDENT Nation ?

4thly, Would the *great Powers* on the *Continent* suffer *Ireland*, if undefended by *England*, to subsist as an INDEPENDENT and *Protestant* Nation ?

To all which *formidable* Enquiries, I readily Answer, No, and that there is not a Man of *Sense* or *Power*, on the *other* side the *Water*, that will not *join* with me in that *Answer* ; nay more, that there is not an *Irishman*, of any *Figure* or *Understanding*, that will not, for *one* Reason or Argument the *Author* brings to prove his Questions, furnish him with *ten*, and he must not take it ill, if I say, more *Weighty*, more to the *Point*, and more *convincing* than any he has urged. The *Irish* in general, and I am sure

all that I have ever known, my LORD, and I had the Honour of being acquainted with many of the first Rank and Quality in that Kingdom, have far different Notions of their Connection with England, than this wild Author would insinuate; they are sensible to the last of the Protection they owe to England; they are conscious 'tis the Strength of England must confirm them in the quiet Possession of their Properties; they want not to be told, that 'tis the British Fleet alone that can preserve them from Foreign Insults, and from French Invasions; they know that Ireland could never defend itself, but must sink into a Province to some Arbitrary and powerful Prince upon the Continent; and are well informed, that in all Distresses, and on all Emergencies, they must look up to the Crown of England for Relief and Support, and to that alone; and that 'tis his Majesty, for whom they have the most ardent and unalterable Affection, and the British Parliament, that must secure to them the uninterrupted Enjoyment of their Estates and Fortunes, the Safety of their Lives, the Exercise of their Rights and Privileges, the Continuance of their Freedom,

dom, the Maintenance of an *Establish'd Protestant Church*, in a Word, the *Religion*, the *Laws*, the *Liberties* of the Kingdom. That this is the *true Spirit* which *presides* and *directs* in all their *Councils* and *Debates*, must appear to every *impartial* and *unprejudiced Englishman*, who shall read, and consider their *Addresses* in P-----t from *Time to Time* deliver'd to the *Lord L-----t* to be transmitted hither, in which the *strongest* and most *nervous* Assurances of their *constant* and *invariable Affection* and *Loyalty* to his *M-j-ty*, and *deep Sense* of the *Advantages* they receive from the *protecting Power* of *England*, are set forth in Language *Sincerity of Heart* could alone *inspire*, and only *Souls warm'd with Gratitude* could *dictate*. Even in the *present Disputes*, these *Broils* for *INDEPENDENCY*, (as our Author would have them stiled) who is there, can read the *very last Speech* made by that *great Man*, the *Glory* and *Honour* of his *Country*, the *present Sp---k--r*, when he *presented* the *Bills* to the *Duke of D-rs-t* for the *Royal Assent*, who is there so *lost to Truth*, so *prejudiced* against *Conviction*, that will say, his *Sentiments* were the *Sentiments* of a

Faction against *England*? that they *breath'd out the Fire* of INDEPENDENCY, and tended to kindle *Flames* that might burn and blaze as far as *this our Island*; but, on the contrary, full of an *acknowleg'd Sense* for *Blessings* receiv'd from *England*, for *Acts* of *R-y-l Goodness* conferr'd by a *Gracious S-v-r--gn*, the *Adoration* of his *Subjects*, and all *Submission* and *Deference* to the *Gr-nd C—nc-l* of the *British Nation* in *P-rl--m-nt* assembled; so that I profess myself a *Stranger* to the *Motive*, or to what could *possibly* be the *Inducement* to this *Writer*, thus to *tax a Nation* with *Principles* they *abhor*, for he must in his *own Mind* be *convinc'd* of the *contrary* of what he *writes*, unless it be to *ingratiate* himself with *those*, to whom all *Acts* of *Public Spirit* are *offensive*, whose *Interest* it may be to cast *black Shades* on the *bright Sunshine* of *Virtue*, and whose *Power* must fly to *Fiction* and *Misrepresentation* of *Facts* for its *Support* and *Continuance*.

But as the *necessary Dependence* of *Ireland* upon *England* is a *Truth* so *universally allow'd* amongst the *Irish*, and so *generally known* amongst *our Countrymen*, I shall take

no farther Notice of the Contents of this *impartial Work*, but leave all the *fine Reasonings* of the Author upon his *four Questions* to the *Admiration* of his *Friends* and *himself*; or, to use his own Words, *with what Views* he wrote, *let every Irish as well as English Protestant judge*; for supposing only, what is the Fact, that *the Irish are not setting up for an INDEPENDENCY of England*, the *whole Structure is demolish'd*, his *Building is a Castle in the Air of his own raising*, and exists no where but in his *own Brain*, and his *learned Arguments* only tend to convince the *Irish* of a Truth they *knew before*, and could perhaps better *illustrate* than the *Author*; I shall take it then for *granted*, and *proceed* no farther; but as the *Author* may not perhaps see this Matter so *clearly*, unless he has a *Bottle* before him, I will indulge him for once with his *favourite Simile*, and perhaps an *Argument drawn from a Bottle* will have some Effect.

We will suppose then a *Child* of six Years old, dining *alone* at a *Table*, with a *Bottle* of *Claret* before him; we all know if he *drinks* the *Bottle* 'twill make him *drunk*, and, if he *breaks* it, the *Wine* will *stain* the *Cloth*;

Cloth; but, if this *Bottle of Claret* should prove to be a *Bottle of Water*, we are very sensible it will do *neither*, the *Water* will not get into his *Head*, nor will it change the *Colour* of the *Cloth*: In like manner, all the *Conclusions*, however *just*, and *true*, and *demonstrable* they may be, which are drawn from a Supposition of an *Attempt for INDEPENDENCY* in *Ireland*, must fall to the *Ground*, if no such *Attempt* is really making, and the *Folly* of the *Irish*, the *Injustice* of the *Irish*, and the *Ingratitude* of the *Irish*, chargeable to them upon that Account, are Terms equally as applicable to the banish'd Members of the *French P—t* at *Soissons*, as the *sitting* Members of the *Irish* at *Dublin*.

But your Lordship will perhaps now ask me, what the *Divisions* in the *H—se* of *C—mm—ns* in *Ireland* are really owing to, and expect that in Return for *destroying one* *Fabricks*, I should *erect another*. As briefly and as truly as I can, I will satisfy your Lordship in *that Point*, and endeavour to explain to your better Judgment the late *Transaction* of that *Hon. H—se*, in regard to *Mr. N—v—ll's* *Affair*, late *Surveyor* and
Engineer-

Engineer-General, and which was and is the Occasion of the *present Disputes* in that Kingdom; and this I am the more inclined to do, as I believe it is an *Affair little understood* in *England*, whether any Pains have been taken to *perplex* the Minds of Enquirers, and to *lead* them to see it in a *wrong Light*, I will not pretend to say.

The E--l of H--rr--ngt--n, who preceeded his Gr--e the D--ke of D--rf--t in the G--v--nm---t of *Ireland*, before he left that Kingdom, recommended to the P--rli---nt to grant a Sum of Money for the Repair of the Barracks, for the better Reception of his M--j--sty's Troops, his Exc--ll--ncy having been inform'd they were most of them in a *ruinous* Condition. The C--mm--ns immediately voted a Sum not exceeding 25,000 *l.* (I think that was the Sum, my Lord, for I have not the Votes at present before me) for the Repair of the Barracks; and the *conducting* of *that Affair*, and the *Management* of *that Money*, was, by a *Vote* of the H--se, entrusted to the Care of A----r J----s N----ll, Esq; as an *Officer* of the *Cr--wn*, being at *that time* Surveyor and *Engineer-General*,

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire succeeded the Earl of Hertford in the Admiralty before the next Session of Parliament, at the Meeting of which, amongst other Things, his Grace in his Speech recommended to the Commons to enquire into the Affair of the Barracks, and the Repairs done to them. The Commons accordingly, after an Address of Thanks to the Lord Lieutenant, and the Dispatch of the King's Business, which was forwarded with all Expedition, and passed without Debate, proceeded to resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House, to enquire into the State of the Barracks, and how the Money voted by Parliament had been applied and expended.

Upon this Examination, which lasted some Weeks, it appeared plainly to the House, " That the Publick Money had not
 " only been misapplied, and no just Account
 " given of the Disbursement of it, but that
 " the Barracks themselves, as well those
 " that had been rebuilt, as those that had
 " been repair'd, were, at the very time of
 " this Enquiry, in a bad Condition, and by
 " no

“ no means *fit* for the *Reception* of the
 “ King’s Troops.” To be more fully con-
 vinced of the *Truth* of this, the H—se
 ordered the *Commanding Officers* of every
 Regiment on the *Establishment*, to send
 up a *Return* to the H---se of the Con-
 dition of the *respective Barracks* they
 were *quarter’d in*, most of which, if not
 all, made most *heavy Complaints*, and
 in their *several Returns*, which, if I
 mistake not, were upon *Oath*, alledged,
 “ That the *Walls and Covering* of their *se-*
 “ *veral Barracks* were *not sufficient* to pro-
 “ tect their *Men or themselves* from the *In-*
 “ *clemencies* of the *Weather*, and that few
 “ or *none* would keep out the *Rain* entire-
 “ ly.” Several of the *Barrack-Masters* were
 examined on this *Occasion*, who *confirmed*
 the *Report* of the *Officers*: One of them I
 remember, (for I was present) with some
 Drollery, compared his particular *Barrack*,
 which had been repair’d, “ To an old *Wh--e*,
 “ who was painted on the *Outside*, and lock’d
 “ shewy, but was rotten within.” And
 speaking again of it afterwards, said, “ The
 “ Repairs were so *slight*, that a Force suf-
 “ ficient to pull an *old Woman’s Tooth* out
 “ of her *Head* would pull his *Barrack* down
 “ about *his Ears*.” In short, my Lord, it

was evident, beyond *Contradiction*, that not a Barrack was *properly* repair'd, or but very few, if any ; that the *Money* voted was *sufficient* to repair them *all* ; that *part* of the *Money* was not *accounted* for, but *visibly* applied to *other* *Uses*, and *embezzled* ; so, that when *S-r R-ch-rd C-x* had, with *great Clearness*, and with *greater Eloquence* than was to be expected from so *dry* a Subject, as *Brick*, and *Mortar*, *Masons* and *Carpenters*, recapitulated the *whole* of the *Evidence* as given before the Committee, *Day by Day* during this Enquiry, and at the *Close* of his *Speech* reccommended to them to come to *some Resolutions* that might *deter* Officers of every kind, from *embezzling* the *Publick* *Money* hereafter ; the Committee immediately came to 16, which were pass'd *Nem. Con.* and being reported by the *Chairman* the next Day, were as *unanimously* confirm'd by the *H---se*.

In one of these Resolutions “ the *Surveyor* “ and *Engineer-General* was voted, to have “ *embezzled* the *Publick* *Money* on such an “ Article.” In another, that on such an Occasion “ he had *defrauded* the *Nation* of “ the

“ the *Publick Money* ;” in another, “ that
 “ he had acted without *Care, Judgment, or*
 “ *O Economy* ;” in another, “ that the Bar-
 “ racks were *unfit* for the *Reception*, and
 “ *dangerous* to the *Health* of his Majesty’s
 “ *Troops.*”

After these, and others, in all amounting to 16 Resolutions, had been unanimously agreed to, Sir *A---r G---e* and Col. *R---rd B---le*, moved the H--se again, and added two or three new Resolutions, by one of which, as the Money granted for this Service had been already voted *sufficient*, by way of *Punishment* upon the *Surveyor*, it was resolved as follows, by the whole H--se *Nem. Con.*

“ *March 6, 1752.*

“ That *A---r J---s N---ll*, Esq; Sur-
 “ veyor and Engineer General, should at
 “ *his own Expence*, and *without any further*
 “ *Charge* to the *Publick*, be obliged to
 “ *procure* the *several Persons* with whom he
 “ hath *contracted* for the *building, rebuilding,*
 “ and *repairing* the Barracks, to *make good* the
 “ *Defects* of the Works by them *respectively*
 “ *contracted*

“ *contracted* for, and to *stanch* and *finish* the
 “ *same* in the most *effectual* Manner, so as to
 “ make the *said* Barracks *fit* and *convenient*
 “ for the *Reception* of his Majesty’s *Troops*.”

The House then voted an Address to the
 Lord Lieutenant, “ that *these Resolutions*
 “ might be *transmitted* to his Majesty ;” and
 soon after broke up.

This, my Lord, is the *true state* of Mr.
 Newell’s *Affair*, as it stood at the *Conclusion*
 of the *last* Sessions of *Parliament* ; what
 has pass’d *since*, has been only in *consequence*
 of the *above* Resolution, and from the
 printed Votes of the *House* of *Commons*,
 appears to be as follows :

“ Nov. 2, 1753.

“ The House was moved that the Reso-
 “ lution of the House of the sixth of *March*,
 “ 1752, should be read ; whereby it was
 “ resolved, that *Arthur Jeffrey* Newell, Esq ;
 “ Surveyor and Engineer-General, should,
 “ at *his own Expence*, and without any *far-*
 “ *ther* Charge to the *Publick*, be obliged to
 “ procure, &c. as above.”

“ Then

“ Then it was resolved,

“ That the H--se will, on this Day Fort-
 “ night, resolve itself into a Committee of
 “ the whole H---se, to enquire whether
 “ *A---r J---s N---ll*, Esq; late Engineer
 “ and Surveyor General *bath*, at his own
 “ Expence, without any farther Charge to
 “ the Publick, &c. &c.”

“ *November 16.*

“ *Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the
 “ Committee to enquire, whether *A---r*
 “ *J---s N---ll*, Esq; has used *any* and *what*
 “ Endeavours towards making good, &c.”

Then the House resolved itself into the
 said Committee, and continued so to do se-
 veral Days after, unto the 23d of *November*,
 1753, on which Day Mr. *J---n R---chf---t*
 reported from the said Committee the fol-
 lowing Resolutions :

“ That it appears to this Committee,
 “ that *A---r J---s N---ll*, Esq; late Engi-
 “ neer and Surveyor General, *bath not at his*
 “ *own Expence, and without any farther*
 “ *Charge to the Publick, procured, &c. &c.*
 “ *purstant*

“ *pursuant to a Resolution of this H---se*
 “ *last Session of P---rl---m---t.*”

“ That it appears to this Committee,
 “ that *A---r J---s N-----ll*, Esq; late Sur-
 “ veyor and Engineer General, hath *not*
 “ used *reasonable and proper* Endeavours to-
 “ wards making good, &c. &c.”

To which Resolutions the House agreed,

Then Colonel *R-ch---d B--le*, seconded
 by *J-bn C-le*, Esq; moved, “ That the said
 “ *A---r J---s N---ll*, Esq; late Engineer and
 “ Surveyor General, in *not complying* with
 “ the *Resolutions of this H---se* hath acted in
 “ *manifest Contempt* of the *Authority* there-
 “ of.”

This being the Foundation for the Ex-
 pulsion, which followed, occasioned a De-
 bate which lasted till Ten at Night, when
 the Question was carried by a Majority of
 eight Votes.

And thus, my Lord, you see the *Found-*
ation too of this Charge of INDEPENDENCY,
 for this is the great Point, the carrying of
 which occasion'd such great *Rejoicings* in
 Ireland,

Ireland, and so much Talk here ; and indeed if not to suffer the Publick Money to be made away with unaccounted for, if to disgrace the Officer that was proved guilty of misapplying it, if the providing for his Majesty's Troops, after their gallant Behaviour against the Enemy in the Field abroad, a safe Retreat at Home, and Beds of Comfort for Limbs wearied out in their Country's Service ; if constant Professions of their inviolable Attachment to their Sovereign, and publick Assurances of their Deference to the British Parliament and Council, be the Signs and Characteristics of an Attempt for INDEPENDENCY, I will then allow, the Irish are at this Time manibus pedibusque pursuing every Measure that can free them from all Connections with England, that INDEPENDENCY is the Voice of the People, the Commons and their Speaker, the Peers and their Chancellor, and according to this Notion, of the Lord Lieutenant himself at the Head of his Council. I have the Honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most Obedient Servant,

LONDON,
Jan. 19, 1754.

M. B. DRAPIER.

P O S T S C R I P T.

Your Lordship may perhaps imagine, from the above Proceedings of the House of Commons, that Mr. *N---ll*, who is stiled in the last Resolutions against him, *late* Surveyor and Engineer General, was *turned out* of his *Employment*, (as is hinted by the Writer of this Pamphlet, P. 6.) but *that* was not the *Fact*, my Lord, for he was allowed *to sell out*, after the *Parliament* broke up in 1752; for some Thousand Pounds.

F I N I S.

