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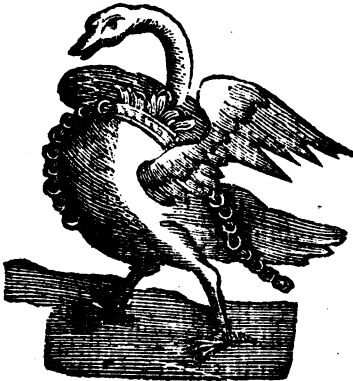
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# Word to a Freeholder,

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**W**HAT are you going to do? To vote for a Parliament Man? I hope then you have taken no Money. For doubtless you know the Strictness of the Oath, That you have received no "Gift or Reward, directly or indirectly, nor any Promise of any, on account of your Vote" in the ensuing Election. Surely you start at *Perjury!* at calm, fore-thought, deliberate, wilful Perjury. If you are guilty already, Stop. Go no farther. 'Tis at the Peril of your Soul. Will you sell your Country? Will you sell your own Soul? Will you sell your GOD, your Saviour? Nay, GOD forbid! Rather cast down just now the Thirty Pieces of Silver or Gold, and say, "Sir, I will not sell Heaven. Neither You, nor all the World is able to pay the Purchase."

I hope you have received nothing else, neither will receive; no Entertainment, no Meat or Drink. If this is *given* you on Account of your Vote, you are perjured still. How can you make Oath, you have received no *Gift*? This was a Gift, if you did not buy it. What will you sell your Soul to the Devil for a Draught of Drink, or for a Morsel of Bread? Oh consider what you do. Act, as if the Whole Election depended on your single Vote: And as if the Whole Parliament depended (and therein the Whole Nation) on that single Person whom you now chuse to be a Member of it.

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But if you take nothing of any, for Whom shall you vote? For the Man that loves GOD. He must love his Country, and that from a steady, invariable Principle. And by his Fruits you shall know him. He is careful to abstain from all Appearance of Evil. He is zealous of Good Works, as he has Opportunity, doing all Good to all Men. He uses all the Ordinances of GOD, and that both constantly and carefully. And he does this, not barely as something he *must* do; or what he would willingly be excused from. No; he rejoices in this his Reasonable Service, as a blessed Privilege of the Children of GOD.

But what if none of the Candidates have these Fruits? Then vote for Him that loves the King: K. GEORGE, whom the wise Providence of GOD has appointed to reign over us. He ought to be highly esteemed in Love, even for his Office Sake. A KING is a lovely, sacred Name. He is a Minister of GOD unto Thee for Good. How much more, *such* a KING, as has been in many Respects, a Blessing to his Subjects. You may easily know those whose love him not. For they generally glory in their Shame. They are not afraid, to *speake* evil of Dignities: No, not even of the *Ruler of their People*.

Perhaps you will say, But I love my Country, Therefore I am for the *Country-Interest*. I fear, you know not what you say. Are you against your King, because you love your Country? Who taught you to separate your King from your Country? To set One against the Other? Be assured, none that loves either. True Lovers of their Country do not talk in this senseless Manner.

Is not the Interest of the King of *England* and of the Country of *England*, one and the same? If the King is destroyed, does it profit the Country? If the Country, does it profit the King? Their Interest cannot be divided. The Welfare of *one* is the Welfare of *both*.

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Have you an Objection of a different Kind? Do you say, I am for the *Church*? The Church of *England* for ever! Therefore I vote for—He is a True *Churchman*, a Lover of the Church. Are you sure of that? Friend, think a little. What kind of a Churchman is he? A Whoring Churchman? A Gaming Churchman? A Drunken Churchman? A Lying Churchman? A Cursing and Swearing Churchman? Or, a red-hot, persecuting Churchman, that would fend all Dissenters to the Devil at a Clap? For Shame! For Shame! Do you call a Man a Churchman, who knows no more of GOD than a Turk? Call a Man a Churchman, that does not even *pretend* to so much Religion, as would serve an honest Heathen? He is a Lover of the Church, who is a Lover of GOD, and consequently of all Mankind. Whoever else talks of loving the Church is a Cheat. Set a Mark upon that Man.

Above all, mark that Man, who talks of loving the Church, and does not love the King. If he does not love the King, he cannot love GOD. And if he does not love GOD, he cannot love the Church. He loves the Church and the King just alike. For indeed he loves neither one nor the other.

Oh beware, you who truly love the Church, and therefore cannot but love the King: Beware of dividing the King and the Church, any more than the King and Country. Let others do as they will, what is that to You? Act You as an Honest Man, a Loyal Subject, a True Englishman, a Lover of the Country, a Lover of the Church; in one Word, A Christian! One that fears nothing but Sin, that seeks nothing but Heaven, and that desires nothing but GOD. Nothing but Glory to GOD in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good-will towards Men!

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