
Mr Foe’s Travelling-Occasions, about three Years since, having led him into *Warwickshire* to encourage the Faction there, as well as elsewhere, he could not but pay his RESPECTS to the BRETHREN, who at that Time were very numerous in *Coventry*. Amongst the rest of those whose good Graces and Pockets he insinuated himself into: One *Mayo*, a poor Man whose whole Support depended on Letting of Horses, had not the least Confidence in him; which he laying hold of, improv’d into being CREDITED for the Hire of a Horse of him, worth about 10 Pounds. But instead of returning it, what does our *Worshipful Squire*, thus dignify’d and distinguish’d from his pretended Intimacy with King William, or his Noble Subscribers in Scotland, but takes this CHEVAL down to Scotland with him, without any notice of the Man that lent it him, in hopes of purchasing the Title of a Chevalier by his great Friends Interest. What became of the Horse after the Space of above 3 Years, Fame has not told us, but the Owner of it finding no return of it, wrote up to a Friend in London, who left a Letter at Mr Matthews the Printers in Little Britain, concerning the Premises, that was transmitted to him at Edinburgh¹ and had the following Answer in return to it; which the Reader is to observe owns the matter of Fact, and might convince him, were not his Ignorance in the learned Languages so notorious, that Daniel is a better Scholar than those that know him, take him to be, and has read Martial’s Epigrams, where the Poet cries out to such another Trifler as himself, *Dic aliquid de tribus Capellis*. This is Printed to be bound up with his Reviews, and is Word for Word thus, the Original being in the Persons Hands that makes this Publick.

Sir,

I am inform’d, by Mr Matthews, that you have been enquiring after me about a Horse, that I hir’d; when I come to Town I will endeavour to see you, and make an end of the matter by giving full Satisfaction to the poor injured Man.

In the mean time I will shew you how the Scotch are a company of Rebels against our Constitution, and run down the Revolution, and call it no better than a Rebellion against God and the King; and that all that had a Hand in bringing it about, and maintaining it, deserve to be hang’d. They cry up King James VIIIth, and say, the People of England are mad or bewitch’d to question his Legitimacy. I find all sorts, of what Religion soever, are for him, and drink his Health every Day. In a word, they out-do all the Jacobites in England. They gave me this Account of him to prove that he is the lawful King.

They told me the Queen, King James VIIIth’s Mother, being come to her full Time, gave Notice she was in Labour. A new born Babe, with all that was Natural to it, was taken out of the Bed in the greatest Presence that ever was at any Labour both for Number and Quality. He was seen, and his Navel-string was cut in the Presence of many of them who were present at the Labour. All the Neighbours of the Father’s Quality, congratulated his happy Birth to his Parents in the usual Forms, and the next Heirs acknowledged him in the same Form that all others did. They pray’d for him in their Domestick Chappel, ‘till they began to call his Birth in Question, and got their Partizans to give out, that he was another Womans Son, and that they wou’d produce the true Mother which they never did.
Upon their Questioning his Birth, which they had own’d and acknowledg’d solemnly, before God and Man, the Father call’d the Witnesses of his Birth to make their Depositions.

Then the Midwife Swore she took him from his Mother’s Body. A great Lady, in the Interest of the next Heirs, Swore she laid her Hand on his Mother’s Belly, in her Labour, and felt it fall. Others Swore she had Milk in her Breasts before and after his Birth.

These Depositions and many others, were taken before Notaries, and registred as a Record, and ought to stand as Authentick, and be esteem’d True and Certain, ’till better and clearer Proof is made, that these Depositions are false; because all judicial Proofs and Depositions are, in Law, to be taken for True and Satisfactory, ’till contradictory and better judicial Proofs and Depositions are brought to disprove them, which never was done in this Case.

Again: All contradictory Reports, concerning the Birth of any Person, prove one another to be False; such as the Reports that the Queen, his Mother, was not with Child of him; and was with Child of him but miscarried: Also, That she did not miscarry, but brought him forth, and afterwards changed him, all these prove one another to be false.

Again, to abjure the Birth right of an Innocent Person, whose Birth hath all the common Proofs, and more than any other Birth ever yet had, which were never disprov’d, to Abjure such an one, is Unjust, Unchristian, and Perjury in the very act of Abjuration.

Again to abjure any Person, or set aside his Right upon the score of his Religion is Popery; and contrary to the Doctrine of the Church of England, and the Preaching of her most Famous Divines, and the solemn Determinations of her Universities.

They have many other Arguments by which they prove James the Eighth to be their King, they say, one owned (by both Father and Mother), is by the Law of all Nations to be taken for a true Son till he is legally proved to be an Impostor.

They say, the Birth of a Child which was never prov’d to be false, by a great powerful, vigilant and malicious Party which call’d it into question, is a true and certain Birth; and such they say is their Kings, which never was disprov’d by the next Heirs who call’d it into question, and declar’d they wou’d examine into it but durst not do it, though they had Power, Malice and Opportunity to do it, if it could possibly by any means have been done. Besides his Father call’d upon them publickly to disprove it if they could, or else to hold it for truth, and acknowledge his Birth and Birth-right unto which he has a legal Title, seeing it has never legally been disprov’d, or can be. Therefore all his Subjects (say these Slaves of Hereditary Right) are bound in Duty and Conscience to receive him and adhere to him, and fight for him as God’s Vice-regent. They never consider the Liberty of the Subject and the Original Contract between King and People which has been clearly prov’d by the Reverend Mr Hoadley in his excellent Books on that Head, and also by many of the Reviews which you may
see at your leisure. I will say no more at present, but if Men of these Opinions had all been hang’d by the too merciful King William, we had been in a happy Condition. I am, Sir

Your Friend and Servant,
D.F.

I have sent you this in a Friend’s Pacquet to save charge.


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1 Where he pretends he was by the Date of his Letter (tho’ ’tis presum’d he was then in London or Westminster.