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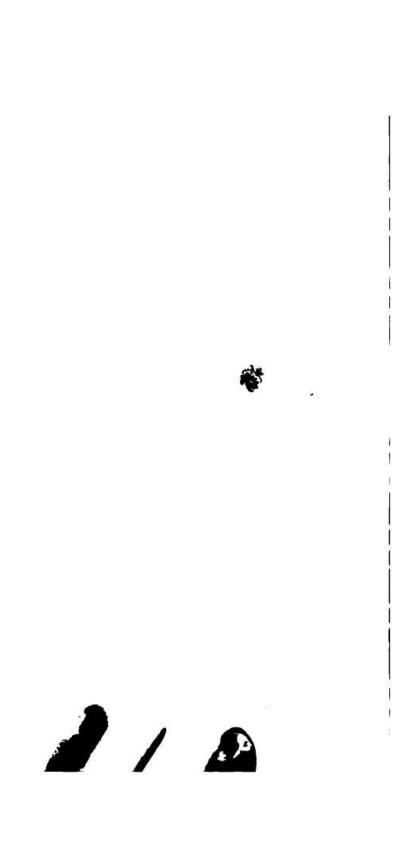
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OF

JOHN WILMOT, EARL OF ROCHESTER.



THE HISTORY OF INSIPIDS: A LAMPOON, 1676.

C Hast, pious, prudent, C—— the Second,
The Miracle of thy Restoration,
May like to that of Quails be reckon'd
Rain'd on the Israelitish Nation;
The wish'd for Blessing from Heav'n sent,
Became their Curse and Punishment.

The Vertues in thee, C—— inherent,
Altho thy Count'nance be an odd-piece,
Prove thee as true a God's Vicegerent
As e'er was Harry with a Codpiece:
For Chastity and pious Deeds,
His Grandsire Harry, C—— exceeds.

Our Romish Bondage-breaker Harry, Espoused half a dozen Wives; C—— only one resolv'd to marry, And other Mens he never—— Yet hath he Sons and Daughters more, Than e'er had Harry by threescore.

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Never was such a Faith's Defender,
He like a politick Prince and Pious,
Gives liberty to Conscience tender,
And doth to no Religion tye us.
Turks, Christians, Jews, Papists, he'll please us,
With Moses, Mahomet, or J——s.

In all Affairs of Church or State, He very Zealous is, and able, Devout at Prayers, and sits up late At the Cabal and Council-Table; His very Dog at Council-Board, Sits grave and wise as any Lord.

Let C— his Policy no man flout,
The wisest Kings have all some Folly;
Nor let his Piety any doubt;
C— like a Sovereign wise and holy,
Makes young Men Judges of the Bench,
And Bishops those that love a Wench.

His Father's Foes he doth reward,
Preserving those that cut off's Head;
Old Cavaliers the Crown's best Guard,
He let's them starve for want of Bread.
Never was any King endow'd
With so much Grace and Gratitude.

Blood that wears Treason in his Face, Villain compleat, in Parson's Gown,

