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OF  
JOHN WILMOT, EARL OF ROCHESTER.



THE HISTORY OF INSIPIDS: A LAMPOON, 1676.

C<sup>H</sup>ast, 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.

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,