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TACKERS Vindicated;

OR, AN

ANSWER

TO THE

Whigs New Black-List:

Which has been Dispers'd Abroad since the

Rising of both Houses of Parliament,

TO

Misrepresent such MEMBERS

As have Shewn Themselves

WORTHY PATRIOTS

IN

Defence of the CHURCH Establish'd;

In Order

To Render 'em Suspected to the PEOPLE of ENGLAND at the Ensuing ELECTIONS.

WITH

A Word to Mr. John Tutchin,

About his *Scandalous Ballad*, that goes to the Tune of
One Hundred Thirty Four,

On the same SUBJECT.

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Vindicated, &c.

IT has always been the Practice of this pretended *Moderate Party*, to anticipate the Dissolutions of Parliament, by Scattering abroad Lists of such Worthy Members, as have been Impediments to their Designs, on purpose to prepossess their Electors against 'em. But one would have thought this Artifice of theirs was grown so *Stale*, that it would have been Super-Annuated by being us'd so often in the late *Glorious Reign*, and of no farther Service to them. But their Thoughts are different from other Men's, and the more any thing has made for their purpose, the more they expect it shall continue to advance their Interest. Like the Fisherman who fell into a Grievous Passion with his Net that had brought him Home many a delicate Kettle of Fish, because it could not hold out, after it had been worn to Pieces, to do the same for him at every Turn. Because their *Sham Vindications*, their *Ballads*, and their *Legion Letters* formerly intercepted, and gain'd over the Voices of Poor, Unway, Credulous People, they expect the same Effect now; when if they would have Consider'd how little an Impression their *Vine-Tavern Black List* (wherein most of the Gentlemen put down in this, made an Honour-

rable Appearance) made upon Elections that were subsequent to it, they would have had **no** Thoughts of Engaging in the same Project again, but have had recourse to another Experiment. But poor Wretches! Their Fancy is jaded, their Invention Tir'd, and their Stratagems so Bewilder'd, that they make good Solomon's Assertion, and prove that there is *nothing New* (among them) *under the Sun*. Nor need there, since they are arriv'd at such a Height of **Villainy**, such a **Perfection of Calumny** and **S reproach**, that to gain their **God Word** is enough to gain any Person the **All One** among Men of Honest and Un-suspected Characters. Tho' we ought to thank 'em for this **Piece of Policy** in Behalf of the *Church*, since in Publishing these *Venerable Names*, they gave an Opportunity to the *Whole Kingdom*, of knowing what Gentlemen are prepar'd to stand in the *Gap* against all Invasions of the Rights of the *Established Religion*. But these **Incendiaries**, will return for their Answer, That the Persons taken Notice of in their **List**, would have Tack'd the **Occasional Conformity** Bill to the *Land-Tax*, and upon that Account must be in the *French Interest*, because they did it on Purpose to Obstruct our Carrying on the War into *Champaign* and *Burgundy* this Year. For Heaven's sake, how could this be? They could not imagine the House of L— would have Voted against it, especially when it came unto them with much Easier Terms for the *Dissenters*, than even they Propos'd in their own *Scheme*, the Sessions before; and they were such Avow'd Enemies to *Lewis* the 14th, as not to Stick at a few *Functilio's*, while the Common Cause requir'd the Greatest Dispatch: Neither had the Commons the least Surmise that any among 'em, Especially a *Bp* could read a long Speech, and that before *Her Majesty*, who is Justly Stil'd the Defender of the Faith, in order to Kick it out of the House. However, it was Actually so, and we ought to thank the *Sneakers*, who hung down their Heads and Cowardly Deserted the *Cause* of their *Creator*, for withdrawing Themselves, at a Time, when there was most Occasion for their Assistance, and leaving the *Church of England*, in a *Church of England Reign*, without any other Provision made for, than what had been taken Care of even in the Days of *Papery* and *Slavery*! These would make a *Black List* without a

Sarcasm; and it's Pity but Sir *Fr— Ch—*, Mr. *H—*, and the Rest of the *Sheep-Biting* Gang, would enter themselves as Registered Men, for the **Occasional Conformer's** Service.

It is to be hop'd the Persons whom this valuable *List* is Address'd to, will make that Use of it as it Deserves, and take Notice, That the Gentlemen of the Best Estates in the *Kingdom* are in it, which is a Sufficient Argument of their being in no other Interest, than in that of their *Queen*, and *Country*, where they have such Large Demesns: Since they have most to Lose in Case the *French* King should be too hard for Us, and of Consequence will be the more Vigilant, and upon their Guard to Preserve what they are Possess'd of.

It is likewise desir'd they would be pleas'd to take Notice, That the *Church* which they are such Brave Assertors of its *Rites*, is National, That there is an Act of Parliament for *Uniformity*, and that it is not Repeal'd by the **Toleration** Act, which is in no wise Invaded on Account of this *Bill*; and that those who make it their Business to Secure the Established Religion, can have no sinister Designs, against the Established Government, or the Publick Good.

They are also Requested to distinguish between *Moderate Men*, and Men of *Heat and Passion*; Between such as leave the *Decision of Elections* wholly to the *People*, and such as make Use of **Clandestine Means** by way of *Publick Prints* to Amulc them in their *Free Votes*, and Endeavour by **Fraud and Apparent Falshoods**, to Draw 'em over to a **Party** that make it their Business to Embroil Affairs, and would Introduce *Anarchy and Confusion* into the Best of Constitutions.

Lastly, That they make a Difference between such as wholly Rely upon their Countrymen's Affections, without having any Recourse to *Publick Prints*, to Blacken their *Adversaries*; and such as having neither *Honour, Wealth, or Honesty* to Plead for 'em, are forc'd to do it in order to Varnish over their own Real Guilt, by Exclaiming against what is only *Fictitious*; and hear it in their Mind, that those who have no other Value for God's Holy Worship, than to Endeavour to let the *Witches in Bishops Cloathing*, break into the *Palace of the Church*, and make her good *Subjects, good Citizens, or good Warriors*, which makes it

of Absolute Necessity that they be not Credited, *lest a Worse Thing come unto Us.*

Not but the *Church of England* might even the *Tally* with these *Whigs*, and pay them in their own Coin, could they descend to such Sordid and Mean Inclinations. The List of such as Voted against this Bill in *Both Houses*, would be a Sufficient Answer to theirs; But they are so well satisfy'd in the Affections and Justice of their Country, as to leave themselves wholly to their Determinations without it. The ~~Hit~~ ~~Stat~~ ~~Club~~ in the *Post-Mall*, might also Furnish them with sufficient Heads for such an Undertaking; they being given to understand that they are fall'n off the Design of their first Institution; and from turning *Criticks* upon *Wit*, are fall'n into *Criticisms* upon *Policy*, I might say *Agents* in it; but flinging *Dirt* is none of their Talent, and they leave such Undertakings to the *Consolidator-Monger*, *Daniel L' Foe*, and his very worthy Fellow-Labourer in *Sedition*, *John Tutchin*, *Censor Morum*, and *Observer General*, not without some Assurances, That the *One's* Dealing in the *World of the Moon*, may once more provide him a Stronger Place than is Prepared for *Lunatics*; and the *Other's* Perseverance in Writing more *Ballads* to the Tune of *One Hundred Thirty Four*, may again send him either a Grazing from his Trusty *Roger's October*, or bring him to the *Place*, which he gives out, *is only Provided for Bakers*, an *Airy Scotch Casement*; for not to blatter him, the same Person that Compliments him with this, has that *Numerical Ballad* to shew in his own Hand-Writing, which the *Reader* may take as follows.

I Think I shall never Despair
 The Peating at *Blenheim* full sore,
 Since I have gotten some where
One Hundred and Thirty Four.

The *Marl* — *gb* has Ruin'd my Cause,
 I'll soon the Matter Restore,
 For amongst their Makers of Laws,
I've One hundred Thirty four.

The C——b I've Nourish'd so long,
 In Time will pay off their Score,
 For I find his Party is Strong,

'Tis One hundred Thirty four.

The Land-Tax had surely miscarried,
 And I had had All in my Power,
 Had but the Question been Carry'd

By one Hundred Thirty four.

But they have put some of my Friends
 Into Places of Profit and Power,
 Which spoil'd for this Sessions the Ends

Of one Hundred thirty four.

There's Ha——d, and H——ty, and H——w,
 And St. J——n, and Ma——l, and M——re,
 Have now Forfaken their Friends

The One hundred Thirty four.

But I think my Affairs at Sea
 Go Better than ever Before,
 Since they are Employ'd that way

Of one Hundred Thirty four.

Their Captains Surrender with Ease
 Their Convoy and Ships of War,
 Which shews they're all of a Piece

With One hundred Thirty four.

I'll send their K——g Home to his Throne,
 Which his Father abandon'd before,
 Where he'll be Supported and own'd.

By One hundred Thirty four.

The *Scotch* will no longer Deceive him.
The Channel is Guarded no more ;
The *Party* which is to Receive him
Is One hundred Thirty four.

St. *Poll* with an *English Fleet*,
To the Number of Half a Score,
Shall Guard him if it's thought meet
By One hundred Thirty four.

I'll not value the *Whigs* of a Louse,
Tho' a Check be given to my Power,
I'm Secure in a *Protestant House*
Of One hundred Thirty four.

To keep their Brave Allies in Heart,
I'm glad their *Friend Talard's* gone o're,
I hope he'll again do his part
With One hundred Thirty four.

Tho' he Sheath'd his *Sword* with Disgrace
Yet he knows how to draw a *Loiv'dore*,
That Weapon will always take place
With One hundred Thirty four.

When my Troops from *Bavaria* were Packing,
No *Plaster* so fitted my Sore,
As the Brawling, and Wrangling, and Tacking
Of One hundred Thirty four.

The *King* of the *Spaniards* and *Romans*
Will be humbled and turn'd out of Doors,
If I get but a New House of Commons
Like One hundred Thirty four.

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