

OBSERVATOR.

Comparatis Comparandis: betwixt Prance and Bedloe. All Flesh is Frail. Prances Miracles. His Holiness is in the Observators Debt.

Wednesday, October 1. 1684.

TRIM. **W**Hat a Mish-Mash have you made of your *Mundays Paper*! There's Nothing in the world in't, but a *Jumble of Nonsensical Freaks*, that No body can make either *Head or Tayle* of. *Rogue and Rascal*; *Prance, Bedloe*, and I know not what: Just to as much purpose, as if you had run your *Head* against the *Wall*. There's No body knows what you'd be *At* neither, Unless it be to *Play-off Two of the Kings Witnesses*, like a *Brace of Bartlemew Pappets*; And to *Beat out the Brains* of the *One*, against the *Other*. Nay, and when All is done, too, thou know'lt no more of the *Truth of the Story*, then the *Man in the Abby* yonder, that *Strikes the Hour of the Day*.

OBSERVATOR. Come Come, *I know* as much on't as you do *Your Self*; And I *Belleve* as much on't, as you do *Your Self* too: But if it will not down with ye in *Cross*, I'll give ye it over again in *Little*. You should Consider, *Trimmer*, that I have a *Great deal of Bus'ness* upon my hand; And 'tis not for an *Old Fellow* neither, to find *Brains*, and *History* too.

Trim. A man might as soon prevail with thee to go upon *All Four*, as to *Confess* that ever thou wert in a *Mistake*. Why prethee I have been at *All the Protestant Consults*; A *Begger* is not better Acquainted with his *Porridge-Dish*, then I am with the *Silver-Smith*; And there is not so much as *One Comma* in the *Whole Train of the Roguery*, that I have not as *Perfect* at my *fingers Ends*, as Mr *Dress* has his *Partrative*. Why I have *Comm'd* it, a *Thousand*, and a *Thousand times* over *Man*. I know what 'twas, put the *Damn'd Papiests* upon the *Design*; And I can tell ye *How, When, Where*; Nay and by *Whom* too, All the *Villany* was brought about. *Prance* tells ye the *Matter Plainly*, [that *Gerald, Green and Hill* Joyn'd in a *Conspiracy to Murder Sr E. B. G. Because he was an Enemy to the Queen, and her Servants; Harsh to Irish Men; And for an Old Grydge, that Gerald bore him, about a Bus'ness at Hicks-Hall, concerning Parish-Duties (which the Printer yesterday made POPISH-Duties.) as appears by his Oath before the King, and Council. Dec. 24. 1678.*

Obs. *AY; BUT; I say, That they Murder'd him because of the Enformations of Otes and Tonge, and Papers that he had. Greens Tryal. p. 30.] And for Examinations that he had taken. Series. p. 51.] This was Capt. Bedloes Evidence, upon Oath at the Barr of the Lords House. Nov. 12. 1678. And Ple Believe Capt. Bedloe, as soon as Prance.*

Trim. Well! And I'll believe *Prance* as soon as *Bedloe*. Does nor Mr *Prance* Himself Swear, [that *Hill, Green, Kelly, Gerald, and Berry* were Engag'd with him in the *Murder*? *Tryal. fol. 22.*]

Obs. *AY, BUT I say; That [Pritchard, Le Phaire, Walsh, with some Jesuites, and Bedloe were the Men. Tryal. p. 29.]*

Trim. Did not *Green, Gerald, and Hill*, Dogg him all day long, That *Disfina* Saturday? *Series. 168.*

Nay, and for a Week, or a Fornight before 100, Ibid.] I am sure I have Mr Prances Oath for't.

Obs. *AY, BUT I say, that [Bedloe was the Man appointed to Manage Sr E. B. G. and that he Ply'd him at his House Six or Seven days together. Tryal. fol. 29.]*

Trim. Did not *Gerald and Vernatt* Promise *Prance* a *Great Reward* for't, though *Prance* could not remember how Much? *Tryal. fol. 22.*]

Obs. *AY, BUT, I say, Bedloe was Offer'd 4000 l. to be but One of the Six, that should Kill him. See his Oath at the Lords Bar. Nov. 12. 1678.]*

Trim. Did not *Green, Gerald, and Hill*, Set *Sr Edmund* at *St Clements*: And *Hound* him to the *Great Water-Gate* at *Somerfet-House* upon Saturday about *Three at Night*? *Series 168. 169.]*

Obs. *AY BUT, I say, [That Le'Phaire, Walsh, and a Gentleman of the Lord Bellasis, Chopt upon him by the Kings-Head-Inn in the Strand about Five a Clock; and so they got him along to Somerfet-House, as I have the Captains Oath for't. Series. 51. 52.] By the Token that their Pretence was to Seize some Plotters, and their Papers.*

Trim. [They got him down through the *Water-Gate*, you mult know, under *Colour* of going to part a *Fray*. *Tryal. p. 16.]*

Obs. *AY BUT, I say, And Bedloe Swears it. [They got him into Somerfet-House to take a Turn or Two in the Court there, under Colour of Fetching a Constable to Seize the Plotters. Series. p. 52.]*

Trim. Why you may be sure *Prance* knows what he Swears; and he tells ye [that they got *Sr Edmund* down to the *Bench*, where *Green, and the Rest* Throtled him, with a *Large Twisted Handkercher*; and so *Dragg'd* him into a *Corner*: It was *Greens Handkercher, and Prance* saw the *Handkercher, Himself. Series. 169.] Here was no Quarter given, you see.*

Obs. *AY. BUT, I say, as Mr Bedloe Swears, [That Two Persons, when they had Sr Edmund in Somerfet-House-Court, Shov'd him into a Room; Drew a Pistol, and Threaten'd to Shoot him, if he Cry'd out: But if he would Answer their Expectations, they would do him no Harm (so here was Quarter Offer'd him) He could not do't it seems. And then they Sel'd him, and Stiffled him with a Pillow. Series p. 52.]*

Trim. Why what a *Sham* is This! When *Bedloes Evidence* is [That he was Stiffled between *Two Pillows. Series. p. 41. But Mr Prance* says, that it was with a *Large Twisted Handkercher; and that Green* Thump't him on the *Breast; and Twisted* his *Neck* untill he *Broke* it. *Series 169.]*

Obs. *AY, BUT, I say [he was Strangled with a Long Cravat: When they found he was nor quite dead with the Pillow; and Bedloe saw the Cravat upon Munday Night about his Neck. Ser. p. 52.]*

Trim. Come Come. The *Gentleman* was Murder'd; and Mr *Prance* Swears [that the *Body* lay in *Hills Chamber* 'till *Munday Night*, and then it was *Remov'd* into *Somerfet-House. Tryal. p. 18.]*



Obs. AT; BUT Mr Bedloe's Oath is, [That he was Kill'd in Somerset-House; and that the Body was kept there 'till Munday Night. Series. p. 41.]

Trim. Does not Prance say, [that it was Carry'd about Nine or Ten at Night from Hills Chamber into some Room towards the Garden? Series. 169. 170.]

Obs. AT; BUT Mr Bedloe Swears it was kept either in the Room where the Duke of Albemarle lay in State, or the next to it. Series. p. 41.]

Trim. Pray did not Hill Conduēt Prance to see the Dead Body in That Garden-Room betwixt 9 and 10 on Munday Night? By the token that Green, and Gerald was there Present? Series 169, 170.] And did not Hill then [shew Prance the Body, with a Dark-Lanthorn, when Gerald and Hill, and Kelly, and All were there? Tryal. p. 18.]

Obs. AT BUT I say, That betwixt 9. and 10. of the same Munday Night, it was Le'Phaire Pull'd out a Dark-Lanthorn from under his Coat, and shew'd Bedloe the Dead Body in Another room before-mention'd; And in the presence of Walsh, Atkins, and Three more. Series. p. 50. 51.]

Trim. What do you talk of Two Dark-Lanthorns, when Prance and Bedloe, upon the Tryal, made Answer to One, and the same Light; as if they had but One Lanthorn betwixt them. And said joyntly that they had [No Light but that Lanthorn.] Tryal. p. 31.] But he was Murder'd sure enough. [And about Twelve a Clock, on Wednesday Night, Oct. 16. The Body was Carry'd away in a Chair by Gerald, Prance, Green, and Kelly. First to Covent-Garden, then to Long-Acre, and then to So-ho-Church, at Three Stages; Where Hill Met 'em with a Horse, and the Dead Body was Carry'd away Astride before him. Tryal. p. 19. 20.]

Obs. AT; BUT Capt. Bedloe says, the Body was Carry'd away on Munday at Nine at Night. Oct. 14. Series. p. 41.]

Trim. Oh; Your Servant Sir! He was Carry'd away at Nine; and yet Mr Bedloe saw the Body in the House at almost Ten: For he says they Met at Nine, and then Walk'd, and Talk'd a Great while, before they went to the Body. Tryal. p. 31. And then here will be a parcell of Quares besides. 'Twas so Dark, that Le'Phaire was fain to Lead Bedloe by the Hand into the Room: And yet Bedloe took a Turn about in the Room before they Open'd the Lanthorn. Tryal. p. 31.] And once again, Whereas [Bedloe says the Body was Carry'd away at Nine. Series. 41.] He says p. 51. [That they Agreed to Carry him-off at Eleven.] And to he says that Le'Phaire staid almost an Hour for him, in Somerset-House-Cloyster. Series p. 50.] And yet [that he met him Exactly at the Time. Tryal. p. 31.] Nay, there's more in't yet too. [Bedloe saw Four or Five in the room, he says. Tryal. p. 31.] There might stand a Great many, one behind Another he says, Ibid. But he does not say there was. He Names Le'Phaire, Walsh, Another Person that he saw often in the Chappel; a Servant of the Ld Bellasis, and Mr Atkins. Series. p. 51.] [These he Saw and Knew;] And yet he says in Another Place [In the room were a Great many, I can't tell who they All were. Tryal. p. 31.] You may remember too, These Words in Bedloe's Evidence, [They told me they had Strangl'd him, but how, I did not know. Tryal p. 32] And yet Series. p. 52. He gives ye the Whole Story on't. [Bedloe tells ye, that he did not see Le'Phaire from Saturday (that Fatal Saturday) 'till Munday. Tryal. p. 31.] And yet in his Evidence before the Lords Committees; He says, that upon Sunday he met Le'Phaire by Accident in Fleetstreet. And you are a Brave Man your self too: For Sr Edmunds

Relation was Not Foreman of the Jury that Found the Bill; but only the Foreman of the Edmonton-Jury.

Obs. AT BUT This is not Fair, to take me off. Bedloe says, that [the Chair-Men that Carry'd out the Body were Retainers to Somerset-House: but Unknown to him, Series. 41.] And That they were to Carry him to the Corner of Clarendon-House, and so to Coach him away for Pimlico. Series p. 51.

Trim. How does He know they were Retainers to Somerset-House, when he neither knew the Men, nor (for any thing appears) was told what they Were. Well! But let That Pass, Mr Prance says [They ran him Through with his Own Sword, and then threw him into a Ditch. Tryal. p. 20.]

Obs. AT; BUT Mr Bedloe says [That they made a Wound in his Body, and lay'd his Sword By him. Ser. p. 52.] And I'll Believe him before Forty Prances. Prance Dates his Oath taken before his Majesty [either the Latter End or the Beginning of the Week, &c.] Pointing to the Day of Sr E. B. G's Murder, Series. 168. And Swears, at the Same Hour, [That the Body lay above Six or Seven Days before it was Carry'd out: But he is not Certain in the Number of the Days.] This was December 24. 1678. Series p. 170. Now take it where you will; from Saturday Night, 'tis but Four Days; From Munday Night 'tis but Two: And Four and Two make Six.

Trim. Come, Come, Considering that at That Time Mr Bedloe Declar'd upon his Oath [that he did not know This Oath. Series. p. 41.] 'Twas little less then a Miracle how This Discovery came about.

Obs. AT BUT who Wrought the Miracle, Trimmer? I will Allow ye, that Prance is a Miracle-Worker; as far as a Transmutation of Mistles comes to; And I can Assure ye of One Particular Miracle that he Wrought upon an Honest Gentleman, a Neighbour of mine. This Gentleman was in a Terrible Fit of the Gout; And not able to Turn himself in's Bed: as Twenty Witnesses of Unquestionable Credit are ready to Averr. Prance had some Occasion to make Use of him in Lincolns-Inn-Fields; And What does me He; but by the Virtue of Mephistophilus, Horses the Lame Gentleman, upon a Broom-Stick; and away with him, up the Tunnel of the Chimny; And before a Cat could Lick her Ear, Sets him down in Lincolns-Inn-Fields; Hears him tell his Dolefull Tale, how he had been in a Plot to Murder the King, And that he had the Blessing of the Plotting-Lords along with him: And then in a Trice; Reconvey'd the Gentleman to the Place whence he Came; Deliver'd him up to his Sick Bed, where he found him; Box'd-up his Leggs with Pillows again; and Cag'd him a matter of Seventeen Months in the Gate-house, for Presuming to go abroad, when he could neither Wag nor Strut: And at last he came-off, Nemine Contradicente.

Trim. Tell me now Sirrah, how many Ducats This Paper may be worth to ye from the Good Old Gentleman at Rome; and your Friends at St Omers?

Obs. Why by my Troth, his Holyness deals Unkindly by me; Or else I'm Cozen'd of his Benevolence: For he has Set Huge Sums apart, you know; for the Maintenance of the Christian-Cause against the Infidels. And if the Matter were Duly Consider'd; I might come-in methinks, for a Child's part in the Dividend: For I am Really, and Effectually Engag'd in the Cause of Christians, against Infidels; And against the Worst of Infidels too: For your Mahometan Infidel is an Angel, to your Christian Infidel. This Balderdash, of a Gospeller, and a Tackler, is, of all Others, the most Diabolical Composition.

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