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The five and twentieth Dialogue.

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their Country and have in the mean Time ſeen and heard nothing but all what is right and lawfull. *K.* I don't think ſo, but on the contrary when they did ſee you, did they not deſpiſe you, and play the fool with you? *A.* Pray don't fancy ſuch a fooliſh Conceit, almoſt every Body and the King himſelf made me good Preſents. *K.* It is very well, if they did ſo. *A.* I ſpeak nothing but the Truth, the Europeans are great Benefactors, doing every Body well, but our Nation comes not up to her Duty to give the due Honour to Strangers. *K.* How do ſhe not give the due Honour? *A.* Our Countrymen will lie and fib in their Preſence, will cheat them, will cauſe them Detriment and Loſs, and will ſteal their Money.

The five and twentieth Dialogue.

Two Gentou-Men talk together about their own Kings and Princes Behaviour.

Ram. Oh! Oh! When did You come hither? *Gan.* It is but three Days I came hither. *R.* Where about have You taken your Lodging? *G.* I lodge in the Kings-

Street. *R.* What? Have you no other Cloth besides this old rotten Rags? *G.* Sir, That is the customary of our Country. *R.* Why so? *G.* If you don't know, I shall tell you it presently. *R.* If you please to tell me, I am very curious to hear it. *G.* When our King observes any Body, that has a good Cloth upon his Back, presently he will suspect, that such a Man must needs be rich too, and to snatch the Money from him, he will by and by bring upon him a False. *R.* How! I can't imagine this, the King is far too good to play such a Trick. *G.* Whether the King him self does so, or he, which is the next to the King, I can't say with sufficient Certainty. *R.* What Fortune has the Justice in your Town? How do they administer the Same? *G.* Pretty well, pretty well do they manage her to all the Rich-ones. *R.* What is that? What do you mean? I don't understand what you say. Iustice must be administred without Reserve. Therefore will she be of one and the same Value to the poor and rich. *G.* No, No, At this Time the Matter is turned topsy-turvy. People, that comes with Gifts in the Hands, may gain their Right, but for the poor, there is not such a Thing to be aimed at. *R.* At what a Price do they sell the *Nellu* in your Town? *G.* According to the Pleasure of the Prince in the Town. *R.* What is the Meaning thereof?

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G. If you desire to know the Meaning thereof, I will tell it you presently. *R.* Very well, Pray, tell me then. *G.* He that is the next after our King, buys for himself all Sort of Grains, put all in his Grainaries and locks them up. *R.* What harm is herein? May he not buy for himself, as much as he wants? *G.* That is very right; Of this I do not talk, but he buys all for himself in such a Manner, that nothing is left for the Inhabitants. *R.* How will he buy all the Grains? This Year we had a plentiful Harvest? *G.* Very well, be it so, we had a plentiful Harvest, and though the Husbandmen would come to this Town to sell them, our Prince won't give any Body Leave to do so. *R.* What is the Reason, that he won't give Leave? *G.* If he would give Leave, immediately the Grains would be sold at a low Price; but when he gives no Leave, the Inhabitants will needs be forced to buy from his own Hands at a very high Rate. *R.* By such a Means your Prince will become rich in a very short Time. *G.* Yes, Yes, He will turn rich, but in the mean While the Country and the Inhabitants will suffer a great Loss. *R.* What Damage shall the Country sustain hereby? *G.* All the People of no great Fortune will desert this Town and fly away to other Places. *R.* Is that true? Did some People make their Escape from thence and run away? *G.* Yes, Last

Year

Year have departed and are gone but the Number of twenty thouſand Man. *R.* What Diſtreſs came hereby upon the poor ones? *G.* Alas! You ask me this? Every night nine till ten People did ſtarve for Hunger. *R.* Is there no any Ordinance in your Town to ſell for the poor People the Grain? *G.* Such an Ordinance or the like Law is quite not to be had; every Body ſells out of his Granary as he pleaſes. *R.* Beſides the Grain is there any thing elſe, they will riſe its Price? *G.* Yes, They will riſe the Price too of the Fire-Wood, of the dry Cow-Turd, of the Butter, Oil, Cocco-nuts, Arak-nuts and Dates. *R.* Upon ſuch a Condition you are very unhappy People, becauſe the Prince of your Town takes not at all any Care of your Welfare, but is only fond to get Money. But, pray, Is it the Prince himſelf that does ſo, or is it the next after him, that does ſo? *G.* He, that is the next to the King, does all theſe Things, but whether he does ſo with or without his Maſters Leave, that I can't tell.

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