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TO THE PUBLIC.

WHEN a man, by practifing the despicable arts of dissimulation, and by descending from a functed distinction to a level with the meanest of mankind, endeavours to gain an election to an office, the duties of which e has neither ability nor integrity to erform, he very justly merits the torn and contempt of all those whose hisfortune it is to be called by the ame of his fellow citizens.

The public attention has been arefted for feveral days past by a printed and bill figned Ifaac Guion, wherein e has charged me with having calumlated his character; to prove which e has favoured the public with a long ring of affertions, calculated more to atter himfelf and abuse the subscriber, han to thew his innocence of the forery he complains of being charged ith. It will not be necessary for me follow the gentleman through all is fcurrility; I would, therefore, focit the attention of my fellow-citiens to the following affidavits of Da. id Ward, Elq; High Sheriff of Carret county, and Francois-X. Martin, iq; of this town, the originals of thich are in my possession. They will new the foundation I stand on, which Dr. Guion has, with much confidence, id is as unstable as the baseless fabric of a ion: of this the world will judge. TATE of NORTH-CAROLINA, 7

Carteret County. DERSONALLY appeared before me, John Fulford, one of the Justices of the county foresaid, David Ward, Esq; who being dufworn on the Holy Evangelifts of Almigh-God, deposeth and saith, That on the 3d January, 1786, a public vendue was held Beaufort, of the estate of his deceased faer; that Isaac Guion of Newbern, did purchat the faid fale a schooner called the Tyand feveral hogheads of rum, amounting the fum of 9481. to 4. for which fum the id Ifaac Guion gave his bond payable to the ministrators of faid estate at fix months,his deponent further declares that, after the id bond became due, Dr. Guion was reatedly called upon and preffed for payent without effect ; that William Shepaid, ho, at the earnest request of this deponent, came gnardian to the younger children of e faid deceased, advised that fuits should be rought against all delinquents without delay. consequence of which this deponent caused fuit to be commeaced against lisac Guion, the county court of Craven for the recove-This deponent further deof laid bond. ares, that some time in the month of Octo-, 1788, he received from the faid Dr. vion an account, purporting to be his acount against James Harker, Iworn to before and Smith, Efq; which faid account Dr. saion requested this deponent to collect and es to his credit on the bond aforesaid: in safequence of which, this deponent called on the faid James Harker and demanded payment which he, the faid Harker, usperly refused, al-selging he owed the faid Guion nothing, and

hould pay him nothing. This deponent would have warranted the faid Harker, according to Dr. Guion's directions, but on examining the account minutely he found, to his atter attonishment, the name of Bafil Smith, the subscribing Justice, in the hand writing of Dr. Guion. He therefore chose to have nothing further to do with Harker on this businefs. This deponent further declares that in the month of September 1789, he was in Newbern, attending to his fuit against Dr. Guion as aforefaid, and that he, in company with Capt. Joseph Wade, called on Basil Smith, Efq; and, after having flewn him the account before mentioned, this deponent asked him if he had written his name thereto? To which he answered he had not, that he had never feen or heard of the account before, politively denied he had over known any thing of it, and expressed great surprise that such a thing should have been done without his knowledge or confent. The day following the above convertation this deponent met Mr. Shepard in the street and informed him of the above circumstances, he then requested this deponent to give him the paper, and he would call on Col. Smith, and be fully fatisfied of the fact, and the faid Shepard shortly after told this deponent he had feen Col. Smith, who had denied the writing as is before stated. And this deponent furr ther declares that on the 22d day of September, 1789 he received a letter from Dr. Guion in the following words, to wit-Mr. David Ward,

YOU received a proved account from me against James Harker, which you promised to recover and give me credit for. Instead of which, some time last week, William Shepard was endeavouring to make it appear that the probate of it was illegal: but to his very great disappointment and shame, he and every person was convinced to the contrary. And, in future, if you or him have any regard for your reputation, I would advise you to desist from such wicked doings, as on the contrary I will put the utmost vigor of the law in force; and request you would give Capt. Wade a receipt for that sum. I am your most &c. I. G.

To which, this deponent wrote Dr. Guion the following answer:

Dr. Guion,

September 22d, 1789. I WAS very much furprifed at the contents of your letter of the 20th inft. received by Capt. Wade. In answer to which I can only inform you, that Mr. Harker politively refused paying any part of your account, alledging that the charges were fraudulent. As to the threat you are pleased to make again ft Mr. Shepard and myself, I can affare you I feel myfelf perfectly at eafe on that head, and I am authorised by him to say that your affertion of his being very much disappointed and ashamed is falle, and further that he can justify whatever he has faid on the subject, and advises you, if you have any regard for your own reputation, to keep yourtelf filent about the matter, left it might turn out more to your disadvantage than you are aware of. I am your most obedient &c. D. W

And further this deponent sayeth not.

DAVID WARD.

Sworn to before me, this 26th of October, 1791.

J. FULFORD, J. P.

North-Carolina,

FRANCOIS-X. MARTIN maketh oath that in September 1789, during the firting of the county court of Craven, Mr. William Shepard the wed him a paper purporting to be an account of Dr. Guion, appearing to have been Iworn to before Basil Smith, Eng;

and figned with his name, and being afked whether the fignature on it was really Mr. Smith's, he answered it was not, neither did it look any ways like it—That afterwards the same question was put by Mr. Shepard to Mr. Smith, who had joined them in the mean while, to which he replied it was not, neither did he know any thing of it, or words to that effect.

F. X. MARTIN.
Sworn to before me, this 29th of October, 1791.
F. LOWTHORP, J. P.

It is difficult to determine, whether the affected character of purity and public virtue which Dr. Guion assumes should excite our indignation or laughter. Strangers, unacquainted with his conduct, may be deceived by his professions; but, he is too well known in this country to impose on the most short sighted in it. For my own part I know of nothing for which he stands distinguished in society but the badness of his character; and with regard to his possession the public favour, the event of the last election fully demonstrate.

It is not true that I made myfelf bufy with the paper alluded to at the last
election, as the contrary is the fact. I
had been informed that Dr. Guion had
told Mr. William Gibbs that he had called on me and settled to my satisfaction, which I made it my business to
contradict to Mr. Gibbs; and Mr. Robest Graham of this town called on me
just before the election to be informed,
I shewed him the paper, told him what
Mr. Smith had said, and left him at
liberty to form his own opinion.

I was frequently solicited to profecute Dr. Guion, or to give the paper to some one else who would do it; both which I declined, in tender consideration of his family, for whom I always entertained the highest respect.

The Doctor has faid he has no refentment; he well knows, if he had, I would treat it with contempt, and has therefore chosen to entertain none.

WILLIAM SHEPARD.

November 3.

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