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TREASON.

A very serious complaint was lodged a few days ago, before a Justice of the Peace and one of the Quorum in a Northern county, against a simple countryman, for having 'damned the king.'

Justice. Harkee! you fellow—How came you wickedly and profanely to damn his most sacred Majesty George the Third of Great Britain, France and Ireland, king, defender of the Faith, and so forth?

Countryman. Lord! your worship, I did not know that the King of Clubs was Defender of the Faith, or by my troth I would not a damn'd it.

Justice. King of Clubs! Why you rebellious rascal, what do you add insult to treason? Tell me what you mean.

Countryman. Mean your worship, why you mon know that we were none and none at whisk and swabbers, Club was trumps, I had eace and queen, in my own hand—but as ill luck would ha't neighbor Tommas clapt his king smack on my queen and by gad! they gotten the odd trick—By being well throated with rage, your worship, I I I cried damn the king.

Justice. O! well, if that's all, thou may go about thy business—but see that thou never does so again.

Countryman. God bless your honour—I wanna e'en curse a knave, for fear it may offend your worship!

Anecdote of Mr. Huntington, Late Governor of Connecticut.

In that part of Windham, in Connecticut, called Scotland, Mr. Huntington was born and educated. In the same place lived Captain K. a respectable farmer, possessed of strong natural powers of mind, and original wit, decently improved by education.

Mr. Huntington, bred to the law, removed from Scotland, and commenced business at Norwich. His distinguished merit soon brought him into public life; he rapidly passed through the various grades of office to the Presidency of Congress, and after filling that important situation, was chosen Governor of the State of Connecticut, and was annually elected to that office till his death.

Yes, yes," said the Captain, "do you go in, and give them a mug of cyder, and I will come directly." Captain K. was not easily disturbed. Instead of putting on his best cloths, he put his bundle under his arm, and deliberately walked to the house in his frock and trowsers. He addressed himself to his guests in

It is worthy of remark, that the State of Connecticut has uniformly re-elected, by annual election, their Governors, until they were unable to sustain their office by reason of infirmity, or until death, or have voluntarily resigned it.

a manner which made them agreeable, convincing them that he felt well pleased with the visit. "My wife and I," said he, "are plain folk, and unacquainted with modern politeness. You will find nothing about us (addressing the Governor) but rusticity, simplicity, and honesty; I believe we have been able to preserve the latter, through every scene we have passed, since you were familiar at our house."

The Governor conversed in the most familiar manner, dined, and spent the greatest part of the day with the Captain. The cloaths which the old lady carried into the field to her husband, he brought in under his arm, and after the introduction to his guests, remarked, "Governor, your unexpected visit has a little ruffled my wife, who is not much acquainted with great folks; here are my sabbath day cloaths, which she intrusted me to put on before I came to the house; but I should have appeared a just object of ridicule, had I come from the field, where I was labouring, in my best habit. The Governor of Connecticut expects to find husbandmen in frocks and trowsers. A pleasing incident has released me from the labours of the field to day, and after I have smoked my pipe, I will dress for the occasion."

Various were the topics of conversation, which were in general sprightly, and occasionally interspersed with the Captain's native wit. "I can remember," said Captain K. "when my company was courted and myself respected beyond my merit: my neighbours meant to honour me by choosing me their Captain; they sent me to the General Assembly, and I was almost wholly employed in public business; but I long since met with a heavy reverse of fortune—my friends pitied, but could not relieve me. Sammy Huntington, when a boy, is now Governor—and Captain K. whom he then honoured and respected, is now a humble servant. While others, who were perhaps, under obligation to have remembered, have long since ceased to employ a thought about me, I feel myself overpaid in the unexpected, unsolicited honour, I have this day received from my old friend, who was under no obligation to me. I have long since bid adieu to the world, and I will now balance my account against it on the force of gratitude."

The Governor afterwards remarked, "that this was one of the most pleasant visits he ever made; that Captain K. appeared to be the same agreeable companion in indigence, that he was in affluence; that his disposition, naturally amiable, was not soured by misfortune; and that this visit afforded him the most instructive and useful reflections."

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