

[double rule]

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I²S made by breaking, as a Bird is hatched
by breaking the Shell, for he gains more
by giving over his Trade, than ever he did by
dealing in it. He drives a Trade, as Oliver
Cromwel did a Coach, till it broke in Pieces.
He is very tender and careful in preserving
his Credit, and keeps it as methodically as a
Race-nag is dieted, that in the End he may
run away with it: for he observes a punctual
Curiosity in performing his Word, until he
has improved his Credit as far as it can go ;
and then he has catched the Fish, and throws
away the Net ; as a Butcher, when he has fed
his Beast as fat as it can grow, cuts the Throat

of it. When he has brought his Defign to
Perfection, and dispoſed of all his Materials,
he lays his Train, like a Powder Traytor, and
gets out of the way, while he blows up all
thoſe that truſted him. After the Blow is
given there is no Manner of Intelligence to be
had of him for ſome Months, until the Rage
and Fury is somewhat digefted, and all Hopes
vanished of ever recovering any Thing of Body,
or Goods, for Revenge, or Reſtitution ; and
then Propositions of Treaty and Accommoda-
tion appear, like the Sign of the Hand and Pen
out of the Clouds, with Conditions more un-
reafonable than Thieves are wont to demand
for Reſtitution of ſtolen Goods. He fhoots
like a Fowler at a whole Flock of Geefe at
once, and ftalks with his Horſe to come as near
as poſſibly he can without being perceived by

any one, or giving the leaft Suspicion of his Design, until it is too late to prevent it ; and then he flies from them, as they shloud have done before from him. His Way is so commonly used in the City, that he robs in a Road, like a Highwayman, and yet they will never arrive at Wit enough to avoid it ; for it is done

upon Surprise ; and as Thieves are commonly better mounted than those they rob, he very easily makes his Escape, and flies beyond Pursuit of Huon-cries, and there is no Possibility of overtaking him.
