

old Woman) saying unto them, Provide for me out of the Abundance of my P—p-e, that I may visit my Seat in a remote Land.

6. And immediately they consulted with one another in their P——y C——l for proper Schemes whereby they should fleece the People, whereby they should oblige their Master, and whereby they should serve themselves.

7. Now the People had been in former Times a brave and vigilant People, jealous of their Properties, and suspicious of their Honour :

8. But, alas! they were now degenerated; albeit they were not as they had been in Days of Yore.

9. And their M——rs, knowing how much they were debased, said unto themselves, Verily we must make a Sacrifice of these P—ple for our own Advantage, or they will sacrifice themselves voluntarily to other Nations, and we shall get nothing by it.

10. Accordingly heavy Taxes were fixed upon them, and the Chains of Oppression enslaved the Limbs of the Industrious; the Face of Poverty, which we are strictly commanded
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