

where the Duke's barber waited on him to shave him; and presently after came in a footman, who brought in a good suit of trimmed clothes, a fine Holland shirt, and all other parts of dress suitable to these. On his departure the Duke made him a present of fifty pounds.

As our hero's thoughts were bent upon making still greater advantage of this stratagem, he did not stay long with his brethren, but went to a reputed inn, where he lodged, and set out the next morning for Salisbury. Here he presented his petition to the Mayor, Bishop, and other gentlemen of great note and fortune, and acquainted them with the favours he had received from his Grace the Duke of Bolton: the gentlemen having ocular demonstration of the Duke's liberality, treated him with great complaisance and respect, and relieved him very generously, not presuming to offer any small alms to one whom the Duke of Bolton had thought so worthy of notice.

Being one morning near the seat of his great friend, Sir William Courtney, he was resolved to pay him three visits that day. He goes therefore to a house frequented by his order, and there pulls off his fine clothes, and puts on a parcel of rags. In this dress he moves off towards Sir William's; there, with a piteous moan, a dismal countenance, and deplorable tale, he got half a crown of that gentleman, as a man who had met with misfortunes at sea: at noon he puts on a leather apron, a coat which seemed scorched by the fire, and with a dejected countenance, applied again, and was then relieved as an unfortunate shoemaker, who had been burnt out of his house, and lost all he had; in the afternoon he goes again in his trimmed clothes, and, desiring admittance to Sir William, with a modest grace and submissive eloquence, he repeats his misfortunes as a supercargo of a vessel which had been east away, and his whole effects lost, at the same time mentioning the kindness he had received from his Grace the Duke of Bolton. Sir William, seeing his genteel appearance and behaviour, treated him with that respect which the truly great will always pay to those who supplicate their assistance, and generously relieved him, presenting him with a guinea at his departure. There happened to be at that time a great number of the neighbouring gentlemen and clergy at dinner with Sir William; not one of whom discovered who this supercargo was, except the Rev. Mr. Richards, who did not make it known till he was gone; upon which Sir William dispatched a servant after him, to desire him to come back: when he entered the room again, Sir William and the rest of the company were very merry with him, and he was desired to sit down and give