

3. Therefore he was recommended by his Judges, as a proper Object of Mercy.

4. But, notwithstanding this, K—g *Abasuerus* was inflexible, and resolved to satisfy his People in this Point, and likewise to put an End to the Scandal which had been laid at the Doors of his Fa——s, that they might hereafter come again into P——r.

5. There then arose great Diffensions among the Tribunal, who had condemned the Chief; and one of them desired to be released from an Oath of Secrecy which he had taken.

6. This was spoke in the great Assembly of the Nation, and they apprehended, if the Oath was taken off, something might be divulged.

7. In the mean Time, the Execution of the Chief was prorogued for fourteen Days.

8. But, after all the Trouble of convening the Assembly, nothing was brought to Light, and it was found only to be an Artifice.

9. And lo ! it was ordered, that the Chief should die ; yea, verily, and die he did.

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10. Now,