made to *Ahasuerus* the K—g from all Parts of the Land, imploring and solliciting him to enquire into the Cause of their great Loss; and moreover to know, what was become of the vast Sums that had been drained from them.

23. And the Great Men began to tremble, and their Knees smote each other, because they knew well they had not done Right in the Sight of the Lord.

24. And lo! *Ahasuerus* the K—g, notwithstanding his long Attachment to these M——rs, gave his royal Word that his People should be satisfied, and that those who had been the Occasion of their Disgrace should be punished.

25. But, ah! this was sorely against his Will, for he could not help thinking, but that they had been faithful to his People as well as to him.

26. But it plainly appeared they were not, and that they knew well of their Enemy's Designs, some Months before they were put in Execution.

27. However, they seemed not to mind the Charge, but fixed the whole Misfortune on the Cowardice and Neglect of the Chief, who commanded the Fleet.

28. But