

" nation of such Caterpillars as these are. As
 " for any thing that he has said of me, Sir Sa-
 " muel shall write and speak of me as long as
 " he pleases. But though he says, *I am down in*
 " *the Mouth*, yet I hope I shall never lose my
 " heart nor spirit to serve the Government, nor
 " forbear to use my utmost diligence to see that
 " such offenders as these, that entertain principles
 " so destructive to the Government, be brought
 " to condign punishment. And, be they who
 " they will, were they *my own brothers*, I
 " should be of the same mind. Gentlemen,
 " the question before ye is, Whether the De-
 " fendant be guilty of writing these malicious,
 " seditious letters, that tread very near upon the
 " borders of High Treason itself. I am sure I
 " may venture to call it *Cosin German* to High
 " Treason. I would not have given you so
 " much trouble at this time in an affair of this
 " nature, but only because I see it is a matter of
 " great expectation and consequence. They are
 " Traitors in their minds whatsoever they are in
 " their outward pretences." In short, the lan-
 " guage of Law, touching Libels, was, in the Court
 " of King's Bench, the same before the Revolu-
 " tion as it is now. And Lord Jeffreys and Lord (1)
 " ***** not only concur in sentiment, but in
 " expression. But, although both of these great
 " men are remarkable for the abilities they have
 " shewn when presiding in the King's Bench, yet
 " there is a wide difference between their man-
 " ners and characters. The former was always
 " reckoned a Lawyer, bold, and outrageous;
 " whereas I never heard any one of these terms
 " applied to the latter; and, in particular, his
 " agreeable

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