

time, I always imagined that, like other men, I had a father and mother, and that each of them had a father and mother also; and therefore that I must have had *two* grandmothers. But it seems I have been constantly mistaken. For I am descended directly from *one* only, *the* grandmother, and allied, by her side, to the kings of France. And hereby it should seem that this alliance was not continued, like that of other men, through a father and mother. I confess it puzzles me much to explain, by what method of procreation I can have had but *one* grandmother; or, without parents, even so much as one. And if I had a father and mother, how one woman can be *the* grandmother of both of them, unless mine were brother and sister, which, I believe, they were not. This story, of the grandmother and my descent, would, I imagine, puzzle the whole college of heralds; not only to ascertain *the* grandmother, but also to exemplify, by any method now in use, my alliance to the French monarchs, without the intervention of two parents. As this boast did not take place till after my exaltation on the pillory, it would seem as if I obtained this high alliance by *ascent*, and not by *descent*. And that, when my body was raised above the heads of the people, my blood, also, was exalted above theirs, into blood-royal. But, this gentleman being the sole herald of this descent, he must explain it, or it will never be understood.

"Such," says this worthy writer, "is Dr. Shebbeare: such is the rev. John Shebbeare, his son:" and then I readily allow, that *he* is, in conformation of body, and that *I* am, in genealogical descent, not to be equalled in the universe.

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