

Of the WINTER Quarter.

THE Winter Quarter commences when the Sun enters the first Scruple of Capricorn, which happens this Year on the 21st of December, at 29 Minutes after Four in the Morning; at which Time the Situation of the Planets seems to indicate a disagreeable State of Affairs in some Respects both in the Body politic and Body corporate; but, perhaps, they may be qualified by other Aspects, for tho' Saturn, the governing Planet of our Statesmen, seems as dull as Lead. yet Mercury is as unstable as Quicksilver, which seem to portend Hunger and Thirst to Poets and Authors, a great Dearth of Cabbage to Taylors, and Horns to several Aldermen and respectable Citizens. In other Respects, the Roads will be postered with Highwaymen, and the Towns with Pick-Pockets, many of whom will give Specimens of their Agility by cutting a Caper upon nothing. Numbers of Poor will be starved to Death in the Work-house, and several Church wardens and Overseers will die of Surfeits, occasioned by overgorging at the Parish Feast. As for the Diseases of this Quarter, there will be Plenty of Disorders of the Back and Sides, neither shall the Belly go without its Shares; the Heads of many Drunkards will not be entirely free from Cephalalgies; those that are troubled with Blindness shall see very little, and the Deaf will hear but scurvily: Ears shall be exceeding scarce among Knights of the Post, but the Itch will be as plentiful in Scotland as ever. Many Patriots will turn Jesuits, and many Jesuits Patriots; and the Bishop of Canada will make some wonderful Discoveries in State Electricity, unless a certain Philadelphian Doctor should take Pepper in the Nose. A Member of a learned Body in a very exalted Situation, shall make a great and manifold Improvement in the Art of Spelling; another shall communicate a most profound Method of drawing Water with a Fishing-net; and a Paper from a Reverend Divine, who has penetrated deep into the Secrets of Nature, will be "Redde" concerning a new Species of strange Birds that tread flying! Shortly after this a Miracle shall happen greater than any since the Time of Baalm, for several Asses shall speak in different Parts of the World, and one in particular will harangue the Parliament,

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