

cond's reign, that great and famous Judge, Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys, said the same thing. Look into the State-trial of Sir Samuel Bernardiston, for a Libel in those days, in publishing some letters on the behalf of Algernon Sidney and Lord Russell, which highly reflected on the King and his Government, and you will find, that when the Counsel for the Defendant pretended that the part of the Information, which charged these letters to be a false, scandalous, and seditious libel, was a matter for the Jury's consideration, that able Chief Justice interrupted him, and said, " Let us have none of that Doctrine. " The Law supplies the proof ; the thing itself " speaks malice and sedition. As it is in Murder, we say always in the Indictment : *He did it by the instigation of the Devil.* Can the Jury find he did it not by such instigation ? So in Informations, for offences of this nature, we say, He did it falsely, maliciously, and seditiously ; which are the formal words : but the nature of the thing necessarily imports Malice, Reproach, and Scandal to the Government : there needs no proof but of the fact done, the Law supplies the rest." And the same Lord afterwards, in summing up to the Jury, enlarged upon, and enforced the same Arguments, saying, among other things, " The proof of the thing itself proves the evil mind it was done with. If then, Gentlemen, you believe the Defendant did write and publish these letters, That is proof enough of the words Maliciously, Seditiously, and Factiously, laid in the Information. It is high time for all mankind to bestir themselves to rid the

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