

who I believe had much rather pass one such Bill, than pay so many Taylors Bills as they are forced to doe.

Most dear and unparallel'd Ladies, be pleased to attempt it : as you have the precellency of the Women of the World for beauty and feature ; so assume the honour to give, and not take Law from any, in matter of attire : if ye can transact so fair a motion among your selves unanimously, I dare say, they that most renite, will least repent. What greater honour can your Honours desire, than to build a Promontory president to all foreign Ladies, to deserve so eminently at the hands of all the English Gentry present and to come : and to confute the opinion of all the wise men in the World ; who never thought it possible for Women to do so good a work.

If any man think I have spoken rather merrily than seriously he is much mistaken, I have written what I write with all the indignation I can, and no more than I ought. I confess I veer'd my tongue to this kind of Language *de industriæ* though unwillingly, supposing those I speak to are incapable of grave and rational arguments.

I desire all Ladies and Gentlewomen to understand that all this while I intend not such as through necessary modesty to avoid morose singularity, follow fashions slowly, a flight shot or two off, shewing by their moderation, that they rather draw counter-mont with their hearts, than put on by their examples.

I point my Pen only against the light-heel'd beagles that lead the chase so fast, that they run all civility out of breath, against these Ape-headed Pullets, which invent Antique fool-fangles, meerly for fashion and novelty sake.

In a word, if I begin once to declaim against fashions, let Men and Women look well about them, there is somewhat in the business ; I confess to the World, I never had Grace enough to be strict in that kind ; and of late years, I have found syrrope of Pride very wholesome in a due *Dos*, which makes me keep such store of that drugg by me, that if any body comes to me for a question-full or two about fashions, they never complain of me for giving them hard measure, or under-weight.

But I address my self to those who can both hear and mend all if they please : I seriously fear, if the Pious Parliament do not find time to state fashions, as ancient Parliaments have done in part, God will hardly find a time to state Religion or Peace : They are the surquedryes of pride, the wantonness of idleness, provoking sins, the certain prodromies of assured judgment, *Zeph. 1. 7, 8.*

It is beyond all account, how many Gentlemens and Citizens Estates are deplumed by their feather-headed Wives, what useful