

Mr. Lilly's
NEW
PROPHECY:

OR,
Certain notable PASSAGES
in his Writings observed.

To which is added,
AN ASTROLOGICAL ACCOUNT of
the future Plenty or Scarcity, Dearth or
Cheapness of most sorts of Fruits of the
Earth, Merchandize, and Commodities.

AS ALSO,
Of the great Floods, extraordinary Snows,
and other remarkable Alterations of Weather,
and the Diseases like to be predominant in
peoples bodies this Winter and the
Spring following.

With Allowance.

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INferiours are govern'd by Superiours; there is an appointed season for every thing under the sun. Heaven is a large expanded Volume, in which may be read many grand Mutations, (as effects in the bosome of their causes, or events pre-notified by certain signs) long before they are brought into act here on Earth. But those mystic draughts, signify little to vulgar Eyes, who know not how to put together those abstruser Characters, so as to spell Truth, or discover any certainty: yet there are not wanting some sagacious spirits, whom *Urania* makes her Favorites, and admits into the innermost recesses of her Sacred Temple. Amongst these, our *English* Artists are not a little beholding to our Modern *Orbitist*, the Judicious Mr. *W. L.* whose Writings, to an intelligent Reader, have often given very clear hints of future Occurrences. I shall omit his several years Prognosticks of the difficulty of obtaining that Peace beyond the Seas, which has preserved *Flanders* from that imminent danger wherewith it was threatned; and will only repeat some expressions in his *Anglicus*, leaving every Man to make his own Comment or Application.

In *August's* Observation, he has these words; *Heaven bless our Nation from Tumults, Insurrections, Plots, raging Diseases, &c.* And we may very well remember what a lamentable sickly time that was throughout *England*, and what other matters have been since *discovered*, which questionless were then, or long before in Embryo.

In September, he tells us Of various Lies and Disturbances of the Magistrate, false and dangerous Intelligence, which sow the seeds of division. But (says he) the promoters of such mischief are discovered, and many persons who before were well esteemed, and in great splendor, now wholly out of favor, or discarded from their Places and Power. And this in some Countries not far remote.

— Quid potuit è Tripode dici?

Verius? —

How apposite a Description is here! and yet in October he proceeds with this expression, Let the Authors of dissension now expect to receive their reward.

To these I might add the Remarks of another eminent Astrologer, the Ingenious Mr. John Gadbury, who in his Almanack very notably harps on the same string, and in some respect, speaks out more plain and particularly; as for example, in his Observation on the said Month of September, speaking of the Square of Mars and Mercury, he tells us, That several wicked things are commonly acted under such a Position; and positively asserts, That Projectors of malignant devices should be then brought to light. And in October, he is yet more express, in these words, *Cadit in Romanos invidia & odium*; in English thus: The Romanists about this time are much envied, and justly hated; and a few lines after: God preserve a great Prince of Europe, from some sudden violence; he ought to be suspicious of his very friends at this time.

But these things I only recite in Transit, and hasten to make some Astrological Conjectures of the state of the next year, especially as it relates to Scarcity or Plenty, &c. In order to which, we have reasons in Art to judge, that the approaching Winter will in general be kind and seasonable; only about the end of November, extraordinary Rains are like to happen, and mighty Floods in several places. In the Revolutional figure of the next year, Gemini ascends, and the two Fortunes are in Conjunction with

with the Sun, in the House of Hopes; but Saturn within a degree of the Horoscope, sets the common people a muttering & repining; and this the rather, because Mercury is in his detriment, which perhaps may baffle the Tradesmans hopes, and encrease the number of Bankrupts. As to the Fruits of the Earth, they seem like to be but sparingly produced, and a scarcity, rather than plenty of Corn, Hay, Orchard, or Garden-Fruits, &c. The Antients tell us, That Planets which are Oriental, have signification of dearness in Commodities; and Occidental Planets of their cheapness; but that we may ground our conjectures on better circumstances, we shall run over the Goods signified by each Planet, and the state of that Planet, as he is strong or weak, throughout the year; when he is strong, the Merchandise represented by him goes off quick, and bears a good price; when weak, expect the contrary.

First then, to Saturn are ascribed, the grosser Commodities dug out of the Earth, as Marble, or other stone; Lead, Coals, Wood, Black-cloth, and all kind of ill-smelling Drugs. Now Saturn from this present October, is Occidental and Retrograde, (the greatest weakness that can befall a Planet) till the seventh of February next; but after that, becomes direct, and so continues the rest of the year; arguing, that from that time, the Wares signified by him, may in all probability rise; and the Usurer (for he is under Saturn too) perhaps meet not with so many Cheats and insolvent persons as before.

Jupiter claims the Governance of Wheat, Rye, and Barley; and the best of Drapery, as Scarlet-cloth, &c. Likewise Saffron and Hopps are signified by him, who continues very strong, all November and December in his own House. Nor is he much weaker afterwards in Aries, being his Triplicity, till the 20th of August 1679. at which time he becomes Retrograde in Taurus; whence we may judge, that Hopps the next year will be a very ticklish Commodity, promising a great price, but suddenly falling, even contrary to all expectation, and many frauds apt to happen between persons Trading therein. Let those concerned remember our words, and beware — *Nulli cavisse nocebit.*

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To *Mars* belong Bricks, Iron, Charcoal, Tobacco and Coffee; and that the last does so, we have a late instance, when upon the Square of *Mars* and *Mercury*, that Commodity on a sudden started up to a prodigious rate (above double the usual price) in a few hours, to the considerable prejudice of the Retailers. This Planet *Mars* becomes Retrograde in *Leo*, on the 12th of *December*, and so continues till the second of *March* following. On the 7th of *January* he opposes *Mercury*; the 20th and 21th of the same Month, the Sun and *Venus*; on those days, or for two or three days before and after, it will be prudence to forbear Trading in any Goods signified by *Mars*.

The Sun signifies Gold, Precious Stones, and the like; and as he is never Retrograde, so they are never out of esteem; and therefore I shall not need to speak any farther of them.

Venus represents all sorts of Wines, but especially Canaries, Malaga's &c. Also Spices, Oil, Sugar, Silks, and all things of ornament for the Body. At the Revolution she is in her Detriment; which signifies in general, That those things should bear but an indifferent price this year, but in the latter end of *March*, and beginning of *April*, they may rise a little. But have a care of Trading in *Venus*'s Commodities of any kind, near the 21th of *January*, the 19th of *February*, the last of *March*, the 9th of *May*, the 3 or 15th of *August*, or any of them; the Gallant may get a Clap, or the Tradesman a Cracke that will then be tampering.

Under *Mercury* are Books, Paper, Druggets, and
Silks,

Silks or Stuffs of several Colours. In the figure of the World, he alone is Oriental, and just on the Cusp of the 11th; which denotes, that Commodities signified by him, may keep up a good price most part of the year; that many Books will be Printed, and peoples fingers much troubled with the itch of scribbling.

Under the Moon are all sorts of Fish and bulbous Plants: she finishing her Revolution every Month, and consequently in that time meeting with all the Raies of the other Planets, no general rule can be given, but in all Bargains you ought to look to her condition, that she be free from Affliction, and apply well to one of the Fortunes. If you would but observe this without superstition for one year in your dealings, 'tis forty to one but you will find cause to acknowledge, there is a great deal of truth in Astrology, and find a key, which turn'd by a discreet hand, so as neither to overshoot Piety, nor hamper the Wards of Industry, might unlock to you divers advantagious truths.

'Tis probable, (such is the proud vanity of wretched Man) you might have been better pleased, had we entertained you with a discourse of the Fate of Kingdomes, Fortunes of Monarchs and States, the Catastrophes of Nations by Peace or Wars, and other lofty affairs, that you are never like to be concern'd with. But our Pen is more modest, than to rush into Princes Cabinets: We are, blessed be God, hitherto in Peace, and we trust by his infinite mercies shall so continue, notwithstanding all the Machinations of wicked Men. Besides, *Europe* in general, seems tending to Tranquillity--- *O utinam! sed nonne videtur tantum?*

The Celestial Bodies are not idle, nor the crying Sins
of Men slack to draw down renewed judgments.
When shall *Janus* his Temple be wholly shut, it will
be, but not yet. Great works require great preparati-
ons, and *who shall live when God doth this?*

Superba prius Babilon spolianda Trophæis.

There must be many strugglings, bitter throws, and
sharp pangs; Wars and rumours of Wars, Nation
against Nation, Kingdom against Kingdom, *Et* be-
fore the glorious Birth appear. Yet a Wilderness, and
yet a Red-sea to be passed, before a full prospect of
Canaan. Just before break of day, 'tis darker than all
the night before: but the Gates of Hell shall not pre-
vail. The active Cock by frequent Crowing alarms us
of the approach of the Sun. Heaven draws the Cur-
tains of the East, and the Birds of the everlasting
Morning, the first-born of Paradise, begin to sing.
*The day breaks, and the shadows flee away. Ob then,
make hast my Beloved, and come like a Roe, or like
the Hinds of the field over the Mountains of spices.
Quousque, Domine! quousque?*

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