



Cark-Hill. Of whom may be had compleat Sets from May, 1741.

And are fold by Mr. A. Bury in Drogbeda; Mr. James Scott in Kilkenny; Mr. Roe in Mountmelick; Mrs. Pilkington, Mr. Sulliwan, Mr. Cronin, and Phineas Bagnell, in Crok; Mr. Hay, Mr. Magee and Mr. Joy, in Belfaft; Mr. Stewenson in Newry; Mr. Dickie in Armagh; Mr. Ferrar and Mr. Walfs in Limerick; and Mr. Ramsay in Waterford; Mr. Robert Turner, Merchant, in Cashel; and Mr. Thomas Butler in Clonmell.

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The Account of Dean Swift, continued from p. 593.

N the year 1736, while he was writing a fatire, called the Legion club, which he never afterwards attempted to finish, he was feized with a violent fit of giddines; his converfation was still sprightly, but his memory was perceived gradually to decline; he grew proportionably more fretful, and, from 1739 to 1741, his friends found his paffions fo violent and his reason so depraved, that strangers were not permitted to approach him. In 1742 his rage was encreased to a degree of madnefs, but he foon after funk into the quiet of idiocy, and remained indolent and fpeechlefs till the end of October 1745, when he died without the least pain or convulsion.

It has been generally believed, that the dean was born in England, an opinion that originally fprung from his having been brought into Ireland by his nurfe when he was little more than three years old, and which was afterwards confirmed by many circumstances; for he has been frequently heard to fay when provoked at the ingratitude of Ireland, I am not of this vile country; I am an Englishman : a' figurative exprefion which was literally underftood; and Mr. Pope in one of his letters to the dean, mentions England as his native country : but the dean was fo far from ferioufly denying, or concealing his being a native of Ireland, that he frequently mentioned, and even pointed out the house in which he was born.

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It has also been faid, that he was a natural fon of Sir William Temple; and this relation is given, as the reason of Sir William's kindness to him, and of the manner in which he lived with his wife; for it is supposed that Swift, hav-December, 1751.

ing by fome means discovered that fhe alfo was Sir William's natural child, abstained conficientiously from an intimacy, which, in a brother, would have been highly criminal. This difcovery alfo is supposed to have such to deep into Stella's mind, as to bring on that melancholy, which at length terminated in her death; but tho' the legacy of 1000l. which was left by Sir William Temple to Stella, and fome other circumstances, may give reason to suspect that the was only nominally the daughter of his domeftic ; yet his lordfhip obferves, that there could be no relation between Sir William and the Dean : for that Sir William was either at Bruffels or the Hague in a public character from 1665 to 1670, which includes two years before and two years after Swift's birth ; and that his mother never croffed the fea but between England and Ireland.

The character which his lordfhip has been pleafed to give of this great man is fo various, and fo diffufe, that it is not poffible to comprehend it in an epitome. If, when I have brought the fragments together that are fcattered through the book, they fhall appear to be contradictory, perhaps even those who were not like the noble author diffinguished as the friends of the dean, may wish that the good be true, and, if fo, that the bad had been fuppreffed.

He was avaricious, except when he was excited to generofity by compaffion, yet he took no fines for chapterlands, by which he relinquished private gain, to enrich his fuccessor. His capacity and strength of mind were equal to any task whatever, and his observation was piercing; yet he imagined himself a subtle diver, who dexterously shor down into the profoundest regions of 4 I 2 politics,

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1751. 2. John Coan, a Norfolk dwarf, aged 23, weighed laft year, with all his cloaths, but 14lb. and his height with his hat, fhoes, and wig on, was but 38 inches; his body is perfectly ftrait, he is of a good complexion, and fprightly temper, fings tolerably, and mimicks a cock's crowing very exactly. A child 3 years 8 months old, of an ordinary fize, with his clothes on weigh'd 36 pounds, and his height without any thing on his head was 37 73 inches, which on comparison gives an idea of the fmallness of this dwarf.

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3. A negro, who by a most extraordinary and fingular dilatation and contraction of the deltoid and biceps mufcles of the arm, those of the back, &c. clasps his hands full together, throws them over his head and back, and brings them in that position under his feet; this he repeats backwards or forwards as often as the fpectators defire, and with the greatest facility.

4. A female rhinoceros, or true unicorn, a beast of upwards of 80001. weight, in a natural coat of mail or armour, having a large horn on her noie, 3 hoofs on each foot, and a hyde fluck thick with fcales pillol proof, and fo furprifingly folded as not to hinder its motion.

5. A crocodile alive, taken on the banks of the Nile in Egypt, a creature never seen before alive in England.

BILL of Mortality from Nov. 26. to Dec. 24.	
Buried	Chriftened
Males 8657	Males 579 \$
Females 847 5 1712	Females 558 21137
Under 2 Years old 679	Buried.
Between 2 and 5 143	Within the walls IIS
5 and 10 72	Without the walls 145
10 and 20 - 44	Mid. and Surry 747
20 and 30-132	City & fub. Weft. 374
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40 and 50 - 149	1712
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A Lift of Births for the Year 1751. Dec. 3. Ady Ilchefter, delivered of a íon.

7. Countess dowager of Egremont, -of a fon.

14. Dutchess of Gordon,-of a son.

A Lift of Marriages for the Year 1751.

Nov. 27. ---- Toton, Efq; was married to Mifs Langton of Cheapfide, 5000%

30. Tho. Lawrence of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, Esq; ---- to Mils Amy Charlton of Low-Layton.

Dec. 3. Rob. Clarke of Sydenham, Efq; - to Miss Jenny Lampton of Southhampton ftreet.

5. Edward Powell, Efg;-to Mils Mary Felton of Fulham.

7. Holland Cookiey of Worcester, Eiq;-to the fole daughter of the late Cordall Storrs of Gainsfborough, Efq;

10.---- Freeman, Efq; -- to a daughter of Sir Wm. Strickland, Bart.

Fran. Gooding of Hambleden, Bucks, Efq; ----- to a daughter of late Valens Comyn, Esq; member for Hindon.

Ralph Jennison, Esq; master of the buck-Hounds, --- to Mifs Suky Allen of Durham, with 20,000 l.

18. John Newton of Worcester, Elq; -to the only daughter of late Matthew Williamson of Chancery lane, Esq;

19. Col. Townfend, eldeft fon of the Viscount,------to Lady Ferrers, eldest daughter of the E. of Northampton, reckoned the richeft heirefs in England.

Francis Gwynn, Elq; member for Wells, to Mifs Fanny Combe of Winchefter, 20,000/

----- Lutterel, Efq; ----- to Mils Hardy of Brookstreet, 10,000/.

21. Sam. Jennings of Ham, Effex, Efq;-to Mifs Alice Smyth of Epping.

Martin Madan, Esq; eldest son of Martin Madan, Eíq; member for Hindon,-to Mifs Hale of Hertfordshire.

22. ---- Stanhope, Elq; ---- to Mile Lawton of Sackville-ftreet, 10,000%

23. Rich. Savage Naffau, Efq; brother to the E. of Rochfort, and member for Colchefter,-to the Dutchefs of Hamilton.

24. Tho. Meredish of Kingston, Efq; 10,0001.

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