

rising in my demands, and accomplished a peace, a lasting, and I hope an everlasting one, with one great state (4); and I afforded the efficient means by which a peace, if not so durable, more seasonable at least, was accomplished with another (5). I gave you all, and you—you have rewarded me with **CONFISCATION, DISGRACE, and a LIFE of IMPEACHMENT.**

“One word more, my Lords, and I have done. It has been the fashion in the course of this Trial, sometimes to represent the Natives of India as the most virtuous and sometimes as the most profligate of mankind. I attest their virtue, and offer this **UNANSWERABLE PROOF OF IT.**

“When I was arraigned before your Lordships in the name of the Commons to England, and in the name of the Princes, Nobles, and Commons of India, for sacrificing the honour and interest of the former to motives of the vilest corruption, and for provoking and afflicting the latter by acts of injustice, aggression, oppression, cruelty and rapacity, the natives of India, with a generosity **OF WHICH THERE IS NO EXAMPLE IN THE EUROPEAN WORLD, united AS WITH ONE VOICE, TO DISAVOW THEIR SHARE** in this Impeachment—to express their acknowledgments of my justice and good faith, and to acknowledge the benefits which they had received from my unwearied, undeviating attention to their interests. I wish I could say as much of my countrymen **HERE.** These testimonials were sent to the government of Bengal, by that government transmitted with **EVERY FORM OF AUTHORITY** to the Court of Directors, and by them delivered to the late House of Commons, on whose journals they still remain.

“To these let me add the address of my countrymen inhabiting the town of Calcutta, presented on the day I left it to return to England; and of the British officers in India, transmitted to me many months after I had left India. These have been made public, and while I have life, I will gratefully preserve the originals, as the most honourable testimony of a life well spent, and a trust faithfully discharged, because bestowed by those who had the **BEST and NEAREST** means of knowing it.

“My Lords, I am aware of the promptitude with which my accusers will seize on this exposition of my merits and services, to construe them (to use that phrase they have already applied to them) as a

(4) The Mahrattas. (5) Tippoo Sultan.

**SET-OFF** of merits and services against confessed offences. I disclaim and protest against this use of them. If I am guilty of the offences laid to my charge, let me be declared to be so—let my punishment be such as they shall deserve! No, my Lords, I have troubled you with this long recital, **NOT** as an extenuation of the crimes which have been imputed to me, but as an argument of the **IMPOSSIBILITY** of my **HAVING COMMITTED THEM.**

Mr. Hastings concluded by saying, that if their Lordships could proceed to judgment in the present session, he had that confidence in their Lordships honour, and that reliance on his own innocence, that he would stay for their Lordships' judgment on the evidence adduced in favour of the prosecution. But if it were deemed advisable to postpone their determination to another session, he would only pray their Lordships to grant him the common indulgence, and to allow him the privilege, at a future opportunity, of bringing forward such a Defence, and in such a shape, as his Counsel may advise.

The Lords immediately arose, and sent word from their own chamber, that the Trial was adjourned to the first Tuesday in the next session of Parliament.

#### ANECDOTE OF JUDGE PATTERSON:

His Lordship was possessed of greater irascibility, of temper than was perhaps consistent with the patient equitability of mind which is essential to the judicial character. When a barrister has indulged himself with senseless noise and unmeaning vociferation, too common in that profession, he has frequently stopped him short with **BOW!**—**BOW!**—**BOW!**—or a sound not altogether so decorous to mention. At an assizes held at the town of Wicklow, in Ireland, his Lordship presided in the criminal court; an affair came before him, in which the prisoner had no counsel; it was an indictment for a rape; the only witness was the girl upon whom the fact was alledged to have been committed. It appeared that there were strong reasons to suspect the credibility of her evidence; his Lordship listened to her with apparent symptoms of vexation for a long time, and was at length

obliged to turn about to the Twiss behind him, for a necessary purpose. While he was in this situation, the Counsel for the prosecution put a question to her, and she made an answer which there was a moral impossibility could be true. Are you positive, says his Lordship, that the answer you have given is a true one? Yes, my Lord, replies the girl. You lye you b——, cries his Lordship, you want to swear the man's life away, and for a farthing I'd throw this in your face! the motion of his hand, however, gave her such a sprinkling as cooled her thirst for the blood of the prisoner, and she was obliged to depart amidst the laughter of the Court, which had been excited by the volatile honesty of his Lordship.

#### AMBROSE PHILLIPS AND DOCTOR

#### ARBUTHNOT.

Phillips was in his conversation solemn, pompous, sententious; being once in a public coffee house declaiming against English painters, he said, they had no discrimination of character in their historical pictures, for they gave Turk, Jew, or European, the same countenance; and in their landscapes they were equally ignorant and absurd,—for let the scene be in what country it would they invariably gave the same sort of sky. They should travel, continued Ambrose, and then they would see that there is in England, France, Italy, and indeed, in every other country, a different sky. Your remark is just, replied a grave old gentleman; I have travelled, and can confirm its truth: But the greatest variety of **SKIES** that I ever observed, was in Poland. In Poland, Sir? said Phillips. Yes, in Poland, replied the other; for there is **Poniatow-sky, Sobie-sky, Joblon sky, Podebea-sky,** and many more **SKIES** than are to be found in all the world beside. When the name of the grave old gentleman, so well versed in the sky family, was en-