

Infamous Cander! Whether his son Mr. Stanhope attempted or succeeded in this affair, does not appear, but it is certain that he had connexions of the same kind with Mrs. Aker. It appears however that after all the foolish wicked father's pains, his son was never bught, nor yet to his honour, rebauched in principle, for he married, I suppose, a modest woman, by whom he had two or three children. But mark the catastrophe of this ignoble plan. Poor Mr. Stanhope was seized when very young with an Asthma, and from 16 to near 36 was seldom long well together. about that time he fell into a confirmed nupsy which carried him off leaving his father to repent of the folly of his plan.

Father has cultivated not only his son but himself, and his son's widow has in some degree avenged the loss of her husband by publishing the letters in question, which at the same time that they denounce the abettor, learning and politeness of the writer, will fix an indelible proof of his want of moral principles and true religion. But how will this Father meet the Spirit of his injured son? his fine wit, his satirical turn, his gibes and jokes will prove of avail, and unless sincere repentance added to mediatorial influence has obliterated his crime, eternal punishment must prove it unrepented. This is a long letter Jack! especially if you think it so; but I thought it my duty to make you alieno periculo cautus,

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First consider well what is your Duty to

your Maker, your neighbour and yourself.
and do it without regarding the consequences
of praise or dispraise, of profit and loss. By
following this simple plan you must expect
to meet with several rubs, but your mind
will always be at ease, and your reward in
the end glorious both here and hereafter.

It do not mean however that you should
set the good opinion of the world at defiance,
or treat it with contempt; on the contrary
it is perhaps next to the mens conscia recti
the most agreeable reward of good conduct;
but whoever regulates his actions by the Vox
populi contrary to his own sentiments, will
never please himself nor yet other people long.

Every thing I have seen or heard of you

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