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List of Abbreviations

LEVIATHAN

The Contents of the Chapters

The first Part, Of MAN

The second Part, Of COMMON

The third Part, Of A CHRISTIAN

The fourth Part, Of THE KING

367 528

381 547

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EW III, IX
H, B, O I

THE
INTRODUCTION.

NATURE (the Art whereby God hath made and governes the World) is by the *Art* of man, as in many other things, so in this also
 5 imitated, that it can make an Artificial Animal. For seeing life is but a motion of Limbs, the begining whereof is in some principall part within; why may we not say, that all *Automata* (Engines that move themselves by springs and wheelles as doth a watch) have an artificiall life? For what is the *Heart*, but a *Spring*; and the *Nerves*,
 10 but so many *Strings*; and the *Joynts*, but so many *Wheeles*, giving motion to the whole Body, such as was intended by the Artificer? *Art* goes yet further, imitating that Rationall and most excellent worke of Nature, *Man*. For by *Art* is created that great LEVIATHAN called a COMMON-WEALTH, or STATE, (in latine CIVITAS) which is
 15 but an Artificiall Man; though of greater stature and strength than the Naturall; for whose protection and defence it was intended; and in which, the *Soveraignty* is an Artificiall *Soul*, as giving life and
 EW III, X motion to the whole body; The || *Magistrates*, and other *Officers* of Judicature and Execution, artificiall *Joynts*; *Reward* and *Punishment*
 20 (by which fastned to the seate of the Soveraignty, every joynt and member is moved to performe his duty) are the *Nerves*, that do the same in the Body Naturall; The *Wealth* and *Riches* of all the particular members, are the *Strength*; *Salus Populi* (the *peoples safety*) its *Businesse*; *Counsellors*, by whom all things needfull for it to
 25 know, are suggested unto it, are the *Memory*; *Equity* and *Lawes*, an artificiall *Reason* and *Will*; *Concord*, *Health*; *Sedition*, *Sickness*; and *Civill war*, *Death*. Lastly, the *Pacts* and *Covenants*, by which the parts of this Body Politique were at first made, set together, and united, resemble that *Fiat*, or the *Let us make man*, pronounced by
 30 God in the Creation.

1-2 THE INTRODUCTION HCL, HCM, Waller, Smith, B, O] THE INTRODUCTION Lindsay, Macpherson, Tuck om. (but headline THE PRÆFACE) MS, (om. LL) 12 further] farther 1750 18 body] Body MS, Waller 21 his] its 1750 24 Counsellors] Councillours O

incorporated in the
H).

To describe the Nature of this Artificial man, I will consider H, B, O 2

First, the *Matter* thereof, and the *Artificer*; both which is *Man*.

Secondly, *How*, and by what *Covenants* it is made; what are the *Rights* and just *Power* or *Authority* of a *Soveraigne*; and what it is that *preserveth* and *dissolveth* it. 5

Thirdly, what is a *Christian Common-wealth*.

Lastly, what is the *Kingdome of Darkness*.

Concerning the first, there is a saying much usurped of late, That *Wisedome* is acquired, not by reading of *Books*, || but of *Men*. EW III, XI
 Consequently whereunto, those persons, that for the most part can 10
 give no other proof of being wise, take great delight to shew what they think they have read in men, by uncharitable censures of one another behind their backs. But there is another saying not of late understood, by which they might learn truly to read one another, 15
 if they would take the pains; and that is, *Nosce teipsum, Read thy self*: which was not meant, as it is now used, to countenance, either the barbarous state of men in power, towards their inferiors; or to encourage men of low degree, to a sawcie behaviour towards their betters; But to teach us, that for the similitude of the thoughts, and Passions of one man, to the thoughts, and Passions of another, 20
 whosoever looketh into himself, and considereth what he doth, when he does *think, opine, reason, hope, feare, &c*, and upon what grounds; he shall thereby read and know, what are the thoughts, and Passions of all other men, upon the like occasions. I say the similitude of *Passions*, which are the same in all men, *desire, feare,* 25
hope, &c; not the similitude of the *objects* of the Passions, which are the things *desired, feared, hoped, &c*: for these the constitution individuall, and particular education do so vary, and they are so easie to be kept from our knowledge, that the characters of mans

2 thereof om. MS 3 no paragraph MS 3-5 How, and by what Covenants it is made; what are the Rights and just Power or Authority of a Soveraigne; and what it is that preserveth and dissolveth it] the manner of his Creation the power he hath after he is created, and the causes of his dissolutione MS 5 and] or Molesworth 6 what is a Christian Common-wealth] The power and Rights of the Kingdome of God, and commonwealth Christian MS 7 Lastly, what is the] And Lastly The MS | Darkness.] Darkness (del. mentioned in the Holy scripture.) MS 15 and om. Molesworth 17 or] nor MS 21 considereth] considered B 26 2]the] the Macpherson 28 they om. MS

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heart, blotted and confounded as they are, with dissembling, lying,
EW III, XII counterfeiting, and erroneous doctrines, are legible onely to him
that searcheth hearts. And though by mens actions wee do discover
their designes sometimes; yet to do it without comparing them
5 with our own, and distinguishing all circumstances, by which the
case may come to be altered, is to decypher without a key, and be
for the most part deceived, by too much trust, or by too much
diffidence; as he that reads, is himself a good or evil man.

But let one man read another by his actions never so perfectly,
10 it serves him onely with his acquaintance, which are but few. He
that is to govern a whole Nation, must read in himself, not this,
or that particular man; but Man-kind: which though it be hard
to do, harder than to learn any Language, or Science; yet, when
I shall have set down my own reading orderly, and perspicuously,
15 the pains left another, will be onely to consider, if he also find not
the same in himself. For this kind of Doctrine, admitteth no other
Demonstration.

4 designes *MS* (plural required by context; cf. also *EW III*, 60, 191, 242; cf. *LL*:
consilia)] designe *H, B, O*, 1750, *Molesworth*