

# The Politics of Victimization

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" People may not discover by the *Times*, the *Country* ...  
 " *Who* of which thou art wiser: Consider, *Senior* as thou  
 " art, that the *Major* is respected in *Proportion* to the  
 " *Diligence* and *Good Breeding* of his *Servants*; and *his*  
 " is one of the *great Advantages* which *Noblemen* have  
 " over *People* of inferior Rank: Dost thou not consider,  
 " how *Plague* is *spread* and *Reason* is *lost*: that if they  
 " perceive *thee* to be a *low bred Clown* or *Blundering*  
 " *Fool*, they will take me for some *clevering Impostor* or  
 " *Knave* of the *Palace*: No, no, *Seniors*, *honest* and avoid  
 " those *Inconveniences*: for, he who rises up for a *Merry*;  
 " *Andro*, falls at the first *Stumble* into a *disgraced Buffoon*:  
 " *Bride thy Tongue*, therefore, *cautious* and *temperate* well  
 " before the *Words* issue from thy *Mouth*."

And now, tremendous Sir! having thus exhorted your  
*Spouse*, he pleads to accept of a little *satirical* *Allegation*  
 for your use: *Parrot* which shall be another *Extract* from  
 the *History* of *Don Ruyguez*, a *Week* I am *valley* pleased  
 to see quoted by your *Spouse*, as it gives me an *Opportunity*  
 (as I *protest* *Insistence*) of quoting it *in* *re*. It is indeed  
 a *favourite* *Book* with me, and I don't care how often in  
 the *Course* of our *Discourse* may be referred to a *Week*  
 of such *indecent* *Wit* and *Honour*. It contains *beliefs*  
 a vast *Fund* of *serious* *Instruction*, and I heartily advise you  
 to endeavor to *deceive* the *Character* which *Seniors* has  
 given of that *recovered* *Knave*: My *W* *Major* says  
 " he has *Nothing* at all *unbecoming* about him; on the  
 " contrary is as *well* as a *Beast*, and knows not what it is  
 " to *harm* *Man*, *Woman*, or *Child*, or to *harshen* the *Legs*  
 " *Males*, but *looks* to us *good* *unto* all *Mankind*: One of  
 " the *Articles* stipulated between us was that I might *take*  
 " as much as I pleased, *provided* it was not *Seniors* *and*  
 " my *Neighbour*."—Perhaps, Sir, you may think there  
 will be no great *Obstacle* to your acquiring the *Beast* Part  
 of the *Character*, as *Nature* has already been so *very* *affluent*;  
 and therefore *conclude*, that it is not worth your *while*  
 to attempt it, as no *Merit* would result to you should you  
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succeed in a Point of so little *Difficulty*: But then you  
 should likewise consider, that in attempting to *deceive* the  
 other Part of the *Character*, you will then have *Nature* to  
 combat with; and, consequently, should *Succeed* attend  
 your *Endeavour*, you will *merit* and *claim* the *Reward* of  
 your *Confusion*:—and the *Smart* *Applaud* of your  
*Followers*:—Remember (however *light* they may appear  
 in your perfect *Estimation*) that would afford you more  
 in your perfect *Satisfaction*, could you but once acquire  
 them, than any you ever yet experienced— or ever had  
 any *idea* of!

It is, however, but equitable I should mention, that  
*Seniors* has grossly misrepresented his *Master* with regard to  
 his *Understanding*; and, indeed *Squires* are very apt to talk  
 disrespectfully of their *Angels* behind their *Backs*, as it well  
 might be the *Practice* of the One you at present employ,  
 known to be the *Practice* of a *Man* of *fine* *Sense* and *great* *Honour*,  
 and, could you but imitate him in these *Respects*, you  
 would find that whatever *Follies* and *Extravagancies* you  
 might at *Times* commit, would only excite *Laughter*, or  
*Pity*, instead of that *Ridicule* and *Contempt* you now inflict.  
 But, to be " *serious*," for the " *subject* will admit  
 of it."—Experience has, I hope, by this *Time*, taught you  
 the *Truth* of *Seniors*'s *Observation*.

It is my *opinion*, as *undoubtedly* just *steps* *undoubtedly* *best*  
 It is a *valuable* *Lesson* to be *imparted* and to every *good* *Man*:  
 Therefore endeavor for the future to expel from your  
*Heart* the *Seeds* of *Envy* and *Malignity*, which produce you  
 such frequent *Croak* of *Bitterness*:—Learn, if you can,  
 that *Golden* *Rule*, *Do unto others as you would they should*  
*do unto you*:—Delight not in vilifying the good Name of  
 your *Neighbour*:—Consider that no *License* is to be *depic*  
 ble but he may if provoked do you an *Injury*:—Compel  
 your *caricaturing* *Scriblers* to desist from further Attempts  
 to *blacken* the *Reputation* of worthy *Men* merely because they  
 oppose your *Measures*, or because they show they have  
 Spirit enough to stand up in Behalf of their own *Character*,  
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But to brand a People with the Name of  
 MURDERERS—no reputation them in a State  
 of Infatuation—to charge them with Crimes of  
 the blackest Dye, surely requir'd better Evi-  
 dence than bare Reports; and plainly shews  
 that the Letter-Writer had inflated himself.

Advocate in a Manner and Measures wherein  
 the Province was not in the least concerned,  
 but he determined to support.

" *Weak Minds are apt to be inflamed*" he is  
 pleased to say, " on reading an Article in the  
 Gazette, of a few Persons being killed by In-  
 dians, &c."—And no Wonder, as the Indian  
 Mode of War is horrid, and their Cruelty  
 shocking: But this is the first Time I have  
 ever heard it palliated, and that generous  
 Ando that is raised on the Report of Indian  
 Inroads, (which, if properly directed, would  
 chaſtice Indian Inſolence) riled a *Whisper* of  
 Mind, and lowered the Ferment rather di-  
 graceful to Human Nature. At the same  
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Time he confesses the Affair at *Lancaster* had  
 raised his *Reverence*; whether it is a Proof  
 of the *Weakness* of his *Mind*, I leave to him  
 to determine. This he must allow, that the  
 People have as good a Right to judge as him-  
 self; and it may be feared they will not im-  
 pute *Weakness* to him only.

But he has drawn his Pen not so much to  
 signify the Governor's Orders, as to write  
 profressively in Favour of Measures that can-  
 not be justify'd, and has not hesitated to con-  
 demn without Evidence, and to speak of In-  
 dians in a Manner none can approve.

Had he reflected ever so little on the pre-  
 sent Affairs, he must have found that it was  
 not a Time to cry up Indian Numbers, when  
 we are justly arming to scourge them for their  
 Insolence and Cruelty: He would have found  
 that such Stories might discourage the mili-  
 tary Men for the Campaign; and that when  
 the People hear, from his Pen, that such are  
 the Indians and the Situation of their Coun-  
 try, that half a Million of Men (for so  
 many at least consisted the Armies on all  
 Sides

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New Britain, for some *Indians*, *personally* *City*  
 which adds *both* *Beauty* to the *Western* *Bank*  
 Of *Delaware*, *Stones*, in *front* with *Industry*,  
 With *Trade* and *Luxury*; these *prosperous* *Trade*,  
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Are not much *wick'd* at, with *great* *Variety*,  
 Of *moderate* *Evils*, which *in* *part*,  
 As *Whore*, *Swearing*, and *profane* *Language*,  
 And many more, the *Sins* whereof are *heinous*,  
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As well as *Arms*, as the *Commonwealth*,  
 And well (as *usually*) they show a *poor* *George*  
 From *God*, who *has* *abundant* *Power* and *Grace*,  
 With *Power* *and* *Riches*: who will *carry* *Fort*,  
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With *Judgment*—*all* as the *old* *Word*,  
 When they *depart* from the *World* *Earth*,  
 When *war* *shall* *be*, they *shall* *be* *gone* *with*,  
 While *all* *Things*, *but* *their* *Evils*, *Go*,  
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Ye O my *Mind*, let not thy *swelling* *Pen*,  
 Upon the *City*, show *offensive* *Blame*,  
 For in the *Country*, every *Rank* of *Men*,  
 May take a *Part*, *you*, *under* *my* *Blame*,  
 10

Professing *Child*'s *Religion*: let us *know*  
 From *God* *Man*, the *unpleasant* *Doing*,  
 And let his *Wise*, since we *ought* for *much*,  
 In *loving* *Assent* *written*, let us *know*,  
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An *honest* *Country*, both to *great* and *small*,  
 To *Rich* and *Poor*, in *Town* and *Country* *Both*,  
 To *Common* *Spoke*, *Physicians*, *all*,  
 Of *each* *Degree*, of *every* *Rank*, and *Clash*,  
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In *Church*, and *State*, and *showing* *it* *as* *is*,  
 This *honest* *Country*, both to *Rich* and *Poor*,  
 Of *all* *you* *know*, *and* *as* *it* *is* *is*,  
 Which we have *been*, is *honest* *and* *good*,  
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And *every* *thing* *is* *as* *it* *is* *is*,  
 To *show* *as* *it* *is* *is* *is* *is* *is*,  
 And *to* *show* *as* *it* *is* *is* *is* *is*,  
 At *all* *Times*, *all* *Things*: who *shall* *know* *all* *Things*,  
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Ow all that *four* *hills*, *all* *is* *matchless* *Love*,  
 Who is *swelling* *to* *extend* *the* *Red*,  
 And *to* *show* *as* *it* *is* *is* *is* *is*,  
 The *People* to *remember*, *He* *is* *God*,  
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On *all* *Things*, *all* *is* *matchless* *Love*,  
 Who is *swelling* *to* *extend* *the* *Red*,  
 And *to* *show* *as* *it* *is* *is* *is* *is*,  
 The *People* to *remember*, *He* *is* *God*,  
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On *all* *Things*, *all* *is* *matchless* *Love*,  
 Who is *swelling* *to* *extend* *the* *Red*,  
 And *to* *show* *as* *it* *is* *is* *is* *is*,  
 The *People* to *remember*, *He* *is* *God*,  
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If *Heaven* *permits* *them*, *shall* *we*, *Oh* *shall* *we*,  
*Country* *Happy*, to *withstand* *and* *fight*,  
 The *hating* *Red*, *all* *is* *in* *all* *is*,  
 To *strike* *the* *Country*, *never* *is* *not* *fight*!  
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A. How many did you kill in the  
 Gaol?

T. We kill them aw, men women and  
 weans.

A. Did you count them?

T. No faith: I staid in the Street, for  
 Fear of them De'il's, the Highlaidmen.

A. Were not you freechren to facht  
 fo many Indians?

T. Indeed were we: But we did no  
 let them facht us. We kill them at the  
 Mannor just as they getting out of their  
 Beds in the Morning: And the Gued Folks  
 of *Lancaster* had taken away aw the Guns,  
 Tomlawkes, and long Knives, from them,  
 that were in the Gaol.

A. How many were you?

T. Not quiet fifteen hundred: But if  
 any Body had ussided us, we would ha'  
 been joined by five Thousand, that would ha'  
 foucht.

A. I am

foucht the *Quakers*, as well as the *Hea-*  
*thens*.

A. But did you think it reichts, *Tom*, to  
 kill the *Women* and the *Weans*?

T. Some of us did not, as soon as auld  
*Saunders Kent* that (you know he has been  
 an *Elder* *thirty* *Year*) when he gaud  
 about *Dury*, the *Night* before, he fang  
 the *137* *Men*, where he fays, "happy  
 " *curly* *shall* *be*, they render little  
 " ones, who shall lay hold upon, and  
 " them shall dath against the *Stones*." And  
 he read the *15*. *Chapter* of *1* *Samuel*.

A. So you did all this in the Name of  
 the *Lord*.

T. Aye, to be sure. We were aw *Pres-*  
*byterians*. But that wild *Chiel*, *Charly*  
*Brenniburn* that an *Indian*'s *Douge*, while  
 auld *Saunders*'s was faying *Grace* till half a  
 Pin of *Whusky*. I doubt he has the *Popes*,  
 or the *Hegh-Kirk* in his *Gus*.