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*Quis furor, ó Civos! quæ tanta licentia ferri!* Lucan.

I Do not question but my Country Readers have been very much surpris'd at the several Accounts they have met with in our publick Papers of that Species of Men among us, lately known by the Name of *Mobocks*. I find the Opinions of the Learned, as to their Origin and Designs, are altogether various, insomuch that very many begin to doubt whether indeed there were ever any such Society of Men. The Terror which spread it self over the whole Nation some Years since on account of the *Irish*, is still fresh in most Peoples Memories, tho' it afterwards appeared there was not the least Ground for that general Consternation.

THE late Panick Fear was, in the Opinion of many deep and penetrating Persons, of the same Nature. These will have it, that the *Mobocks* are like those Spectres and Apparitions which frighten several Towns and Villages in her Majesty's Dominions, tho' they were never seen by any of the Inhabitants. Others are apt to think that these *Mobocks* are a kind of Bull Beggars, first invented by prudent married Men, and Masters of Families, in order to deter their Wives and Daughters from taking the Air at unreasonable Hours; and that when they tell them *the Mobocks will catch them*, it is a Caution of the same nature with that of our Fore-fathers, when they bid their Children have a care of *Raw-head* and *Bloody-bones*.

FOR my own part, I am afraid there was too much reason for that great Alarm the whole City has been in upon this Occasion; tho' at the same time I must own that I am in some doubt whether the following Pieces are genuine and authentick: and the more so, because I am not fully satisfied that the Name by which the Emperor subscribes himself, is altogether conformable to the *Indian* Orthography.

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I shall only further inform my Readers, that it was some time since I receiv'd the following Letter and Manifesto, tho' for particular Reasons I did not think fit to publish them till now.

*To the SPECTATOR.*

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FINDING that our earnest Endeavours for the Good of Mankind have been basely and maliciously represented to the World, we send you inclosed our Imperial Manifesto, which it is our Will and Pleasure that you forthwith communicate to the Publick, by inserting it in your next daily Paper. We do not doubt of your ready Compliance in this Particular, and therefore bid you heartily Farewel.

*Sign'd,*

Taw Waw Eben Zan Kaladar,  
*Emperor of the Mohocks.*

*The Manifesto of Taw Waw Eben Zan Kaladar, Emperor of the Mohocks.*

WHEREAS we have receiv'd Information from sundry Quarters of this great and populous City, of several Outrages committed on the Legs, Arms, Noses and other Parts of the good People of *England*, by such as have stiled themselves our Subjects; in order to vindicate our Imperial Dignity from the false Aspersions which have been cast on it, as if we our selves might have encouraged or abetted any such Practices; we have, by these Presents, thought fit to signify our utmost Abhorrence and Detestation of all such tumultuous and irregular Proceedings; and do hereby further give notice, that if any Person or Persons has or have suffered any Wound, Hurt, Damage or Detriment in his or their Limb or Limbs, otherwise than shall be hereafter specified, the said Person or Persons upon applying themselves to such as we shall appoint for the Inspection and Redress of the Grievances aforesaid, shall be forthwith committed to the Care of our principal Surgeon, and be cured at our own Expence, in some one or other of those Hospitals which we are now erecting for that purpose.

AND



‘ AND to the end that no one may, either through Ignorance or Inadvertency, incur those Penalties which we have thought fit to inflict on Persons of loose and dissolute Lives, we do hereby notify to the Publick, that if any Man be knock’d down or assaulted while he is employed in his lawful Business, at proper Hours, that it is not done by our Order; and we do hereby permit and allow any such Person so knocked down or assaulted, to rise again, and defend himself in the best manner that he is able.

‘ WE do also command all and every our good Subjects, that they do not presume, upon any pretext whatsoever, to issue and sally forth from their respective Quarters till between the Hours of Eleven and Twelve. That they never *Tip the Lion* upon Man, Woman, or Child, till the Clock at St. *Dunstan’s* shall have struck One.

‘ THAT the *Sweat* be never given but between the Hours of One and Two; always provided, that our *Hunters* may begin to *Hunt* a little after the Close of the Evening, any thing to the contrary herein notwithstanding. Provided also, that if ever they are reduced to the Necessity of *Pinking*, it shall always be in the most fleshy *Part*, and such as are least expos’d to View.

‘ IT is also our Imperial Will and Pleasure, that our good Subjects the *Sweaters* do establish their *Hummums* in such close Places, Alleys, Nooks, and Corners, that the Patient or Patients may not be in danger of catching Cold.

‘ THAT the *Tumblers*, to whose Care we chiefly commit the Female Sex, confine themselves to *Drury-Lane* and the Purlieus of the *Temple* and that every other Party and Division of our Subjects do each of them keep within their respective Quarters we have allotted to them. Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall in any wise be construed to extend to the *Hunters*, who have our full Licence and Permission to enter into any Part of the Town where-ever their Game shall lead them.

‘ AND whereas we have nothing more at our Imperial Heart than the Reformation of the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, which to our unspeakable Satisfaction we have in some measure already effected, we do hereby  
‘ earnestly