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Subject continued. Subornation. One thousand bitts of indictment found in two days. Confiscation on a large scale. Wo-to them that devise iniquity, because it is in the power of their hand; and they rmet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

Micah ii. 1, 2. I DO not pretend that all the depositions cany their own condemnation indelibly stamped on their foreheads, like those quoted in the preceding chapter. No: it would be very extraordinary indeed, if, among the army of perjurers, who were suborned for the purpose of swearing away the lives of the pre-condemned Irish, there were none who could frame a consistent story.

But there is so much of undeniable fraud, and falsehood, and perjury established in the evidence, as to discredit the whole. He who swears that a man was cut, and hacked, and his entrails taken out, without bleeding?2 must be a perjurer: but it does not thence follow, that he would have been other than a perjurer, had he omitted the miraculous part of the story.

102 Temple, 88. I said, suborned for the purpose of swearing away the lives of the Irish. This is not a rhetorical flourish, calculated to delude or to deceive the reader.

It is a melancholy and heart-rending truth, that such was the depraved and deplorable state of the morality of the administration in Ireland, that money was lavished to purchase evidence for the nefarious purpose above stated.

And so barefacedly and profligately was this trade of corruption carried on, ?so totally lost were the privy council to all sense of principle and decency, ?and so well was their character established on this point, that one of the agents employed in the business of subornation, actually ...

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