

# A VINDICATION

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# ESSAY

Concerning

*Human Understanding.*

**T**IS happy for Mankind, when Men of an elevated Genius, and uncommon Penetration, have too a truly Noble and Beneficent Nature, above any low particular Ends; and Resolute enough to encounter all the Oppositions they must meet in an unbiass'd search of Truth, from those who having with much pains Imbib'd the Opinions of Reverenced Authors, are unwilling to unlearn all their former Knowledge, to examine what they have been taught for first Principles not to be question'd, and lay aside their Sacred *Ipsè dixit*. He who dares attempt against this establish'd Monarchy over Mens Judgments; must be  
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