

Witches chiefly to unlawful Mischiefes, viz. Several sorts of Curses and Conjurations for raising infernal spirits to Relieve their Doubts and thereby to promote their detestable Ourses, who are ignorant and poor wretched Creatures or theirst inordinately, after Conjurings are allotted to Devils them selves to the Devils service, by his fair promises to give them their hearts Desire viz. to make the former Rich or to improve the latter to Ruin their Enemies.

Which wast is that Black art whereby Stranges and desperate things are wrought by a power Derived from the Power of good under several Names taken from particular effects and ways of its operation: as those of Magicke, because it is a knowledge of those Charms Lawfull to be known, Divine from the Revealing of the next past present or to come; Enchantment, from the working by Charms or Charmes; Sorcery from the Casting of Lots to bring to down things to light; Necromancy, from the calling up and Consulting the Devil in the form of some dead person; Exorcisation, from the Casting out of evil spirits by Enchantments, and Eye biting, or by words &c. which some Sorcerers call Enchantments. Those who practice this Art are in like manner from particular names of their profession, Witches in relation to their use upon the Accusation of their making uncommon poisons to kill persons, Magicians, Magi Diviners, such as our Necromancers, Sorcerers, Sorcellers, or Sorcarij, Necromancers, Necromantici, fapinalores; Mages, or from their constant practice of doing Curres; Sages, from Sages to forsake or forsive quickly, because they have the power to forsake or do what others naturally cannot; Lamias, from the Heation of Ghosts or Sprights, being they dance upon the floor and have other ways Communed with Spirits and other vicious; Striges, from Owls of that Name that snatch the guarded Infants out of their Cradles and suck their Blood because they do the like. Which names given for Devils can be to the Devils Disciples, are for the most part promiscuously used to signify any person who by his hand with Satan and his spirit takes, doth work strange things; because of the affinity of all their operations which hath the same general foundation and ground.

Witchcraft is wrought by Covenant or Compact with the Devil, Spirit or Faerie.
An Express Covenant is Entered into betwixt a

Witch and the Devil when the latter visibly appears in the shape of a man or Beast (the Jews call it the banant of some the form of a dove or lamb) or a Witch comes a proxy for him if the party is afraid to see or speak with him. Which Compact some times is performed at the first meeting, sometimes at the second or third meeting, according as the Devil findeth the person he deals with more or less pleas'd and yielding. Dolric Diquis Mag. l. 2. c. 2. u. 4 Bernardus guided to Grand Jury Monmouths Chap. 3 Cooper 975 of Wiltshire l. 61 Chap. 4 And here it may be once for all observed, that in every Nation the Devil useth the Language of that Nation. Nich. H. deus de demonibus Romig. de Mandat. l. 6. cap. 9. of his tongue whether oral and uttered or by words of mouth if the party cannot write, or writter and signed in his or her blood if the party can write. If the person be a Learned person or one of the better sort, and can write, the Devil either draws blood of him or touches him in some part of his body with any visible mark remaining. Till on the most ignorant and most ignorant kind of Protestants he forces his mark, which is some kind like a flies bite or a little spot, some times resembling a little coal, and is stamped upon some best part of the body, that soon after complains upon the least moved so much pricked and stings by scratching a pin and or bodden into it, Dolric ibid. Romig. de demonibus. lib. 1 cap. 3. For as God has a Mark put in his Book. g. 4 Rev. 7. 3. The Beast, who is the Devil's Lieutenant, will have his Mark Rev. 13. 16. 17. to know his own. By Ghosts who enter into such agreement with the Devil, promise to serve him, and save their souls and Bodies to his disposal after death. In order to which they Relinquish Reason, God and their Baptism. Some say the Devil useth to wipe the seal of Baptism off their fore heads, and to Re-baptize them, Dolric ibid. They for their Engage to do all the Mischief they can at occasion afford. The Devil on his part Articles with the Devils concerning what shape he is to appear to them in whom called for, and what services they may expect from him, according to their Condition said and him out. Some are obliged himself to appear to in the form of a Dog a cat or a Fox &c. or only to answer them by a Voice. Some he is constantly to pay his Attendance upon in the form of a Page. Some times he is to be disguised in the form of a