

taking this Occasion again to express her Gratitude towards *Jones*, 'to whom,' said she, 'I owe the Opportunity of giving you, Sir, this present Trouble.' *Allworthy* gently stopped her; but he was too good a Man to be really offended with the Effects of so noble a Principle as now actuated *Mrs. Miller*; and indeed had not this new Affair inflamed his former Anger against *Jones*, it is possible he might have been a little softened towards him, by the Report of an Action which Malice itself could not have derived from an evil Motive.

*Mr. Allworthy* and *Mrs. Miller* had been above an Hour together, when their Conversation was put an End to, by the Arrival of *Bliss*, and another Person, which other Person was no less than *Mr. Dowling*, the Attorney, who was now become a great Favourite with *Mr. Bliss*, and whom *Mr. Allworthy*, at the Desire of his Nephew, had made his Steward; and had likewise recommended him to *Mr. Western*, from whom the Attorney received a Promise of being promoted to the same Office upon the first Vacancy; and in the mean Time, was employed in transacting some Affairs which the Squire then had in *London*, in Relation to a Mortgage.

This was the principal Affair which then brought *Mr. Dowling* to Town; therefore he took the same Opportunity to charge himself with some Money for *Mr. Allworthy*, and to make a Report to him of some other Business; in all which as it was of much too dull a Nature to find any Place in this History, we will leave the Uncle, Nephew, and their Lawyer concerned, and resort to other Matters.