



GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

by Jonathan Swift

...a solemn oath he shall be obliged to perform.

First, the Man Mountain shall not depart from our dominions, without our licence under our Great Seal.

Secondly, he shall not presume to come into our metropolis, without our express order; at which time, the inhabitants shall have two hours' warning, to keep within their doors.

Thirdly, the said Man Mountain shall confine his walks to our principal high roads; and not offer to walk or lie down in a meadow, or field of corn.

Fourthly, as he walks the said roads, he shall take the utmost care not to trample upon the bodies of any of our loving subjects, their horses, or carriages; nor take any of our said subjects into his hands, without their own consent.

Fifthly, if an express shall require extraordinary dispatch, the Man Mountain shall be obliged to carry in his pocket the messenger and horse, a six day's journey once in every moon, and return the said messenger back [if so required] safe to our Imperial Presence.

Sixthly, he shall be our ally against our enemies in the Island of Blefuscu, and do his utmost to destroy their fleet, which is now preparing to invade us.

Seventhly, that the said Man Mountain shall, at his times of leisure, be aiding and assisting to our workmen, in helping to raise certain great stones, towards covering the wall of the principal park, and other our royal buildings.

Eighthly, that the said Man Mountain shall, in two moons' time, deliver in an exact survey of the circumference of our dominions, by a computation of his own paces round the coast.

Lastly, that upon his solemn oath to observe all the above articles, the said Man Mountain shall have a daily allowance of meat and drink, sufficient for the support of 1,728 of our subjects; with free access to our royal person, and other marks of our favour. Given at our Palace at Belfaborac the twelfth day of the ninety-first moon of our reign.

I swore and subscribed to these articles with great cheerfulness and content, whereupon my chains were immediately unlocked, and I was at full liberty.