

by name, and then established an hereditary government in the family of *David* *.

If Mr. *Burke* could misrepresent the scriptures, it could scarcely be expected that the *Lawyers* would fare better under his hands. With respect to both his legal authorities, *Blackstone*, and *Bracton*, he has been guilty of unfair quotation. By taking a part only of their statements, and separating them from what goes before, or follows after, by laying down as the general rule what is intended merely as an exception; by *altering their expressions*, and by *adding words of his own*, in *their name*, he has made them both to hold doctrines *directly contrary to their real opinions*.

The first quotation is this, as it stands in Mr. *Burke's* book, "A philosopher," says Justice *Blackstone*, "will consider a King as a man appointed by mutual consent to preside over many, and will pay him that RESPECT which the principles of society demand." This passage taken by itself, especially with the alteration which he has made in it, by substituting the softer word *respect*, for what *Blackstone* himself styles *Reverence and duty*, is certainly democratical enough, by representing the king upon the lowest footing possible. Could any man suppose that it was extracted from an author, who in that very chapter, and paragraph, from which it was taken is stating, and describing the very highest points of His

* 1 Sam. x. 21. 1b. xvi. 12. 1 Chron. xxviii. 5. 1 Kings, II. 4.