

it rise and protection. They were indeed exactly in the situation and temper described by Lucan, lib. 1.

Non erat is populus quem pax tranquilla juvaret
 Quem sua libertas immotis pasceret armis ;
 Hinc usura vorax, avidumque in tempore fœnus,
 Et concussa fides, et multis utile bellum.

But the support which all these give to *the Opposition* will gradually decrease; men will by degrees return to their former, or to new employments; the sense of present inconvenience will be less strongly felt; the spirit of gaming will diminish; and finding their happiness in the resumption of their former habits, they will no longer blame those by whom they have been led to resume them.

I have not indeed such good hopes of those who may justly be called staunch Opposition men; I mean those gentlemen who having monopolized and forestalled all the graces of the Crown, and excluded and proscribed, as long as it was in their power, every man who was not of their own junto, bear with so little temper the reverse of their fortune; whose zeal for our constitution is exactly equal to their knowledge of it; who have learnt their principles of policy in Drawing-Rooms, and of liberty in the Antichambers of Ministers; who are patriots, because they were dismissed from being placemen; who put on, for the hour of representation, the opinions of that character, with as little disguise and propriety as a player does his Roman habit; and who having been the tools of Administration, are now become the mob of faction. Of their conviction, I own I despair; it requires something more *substantial* than reasons to influence their conduct. I do not even wish to see their conversion; the only method by
 which