

has been invaded, conquered, ravaged, by  
*Saxons, Danes, Normans*, from Abroad; and  
 what perpetual destructive Wars betwixt the  
*Northern* and the *Southern* Kingdoms of this  
 Isle, before their happy Union, for many  
 successive Ages, spread Ruin over all its Bor-  
 ders, and drench'd it with Blood.--- Let  
 him see our brave Ancestors groaning under  
 a most cruel *Ecclesiastical* Oppression! wea-  
 kened, impoverish'd, by a most dangerous  
 and most expensive *Continental Connection!*  
 a Subjection to the Church of *Rome!* their  
 Wealth drain'd (not to support Troops who  
 are spilling their Blood for the Liberties of  
*Europe* and the common Rights of Man-  
 kind); but to pamper *foreign Priests* in Lux-  
 ury and Pomp! their Kings trembling at an  
*Interdict* or *Bull* from the *Roman Pontiff*;  
 and the People struck with an universal  
 Terror, as if some tremendous Evil was  
 ready to fall upon them!-- Let him look  
 back to the long and the bloody Contests  
 betwixt the *Kings* and the *Barons*: betwixt  
 the two powerful Royal Houses of *Lancaster*  
 and *York*: betwixt the *King* and the *Parlia-*  
*ment*, in a later Period of Time: and see  
*Britons*