

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 Borders, and drench'd it with Blood.--- Let him see our brave Ancestors groaning under a most cruel *Ecclesiastical* Oppression! weakened, 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 Mankind); but to pamper *foreign Priests* in Luxury 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 *Parliament*, in a later Period of Time: and see

*Britons*