

only evaded, not openly violated ; and when we see Gentlemen of the first fortunes, and who have, through the two last reigns, prided themselves in their independency, eagerly and meanly thrusting themselves into this pitiful pension ; I say, when we consider these things, Where is the security of laws, or upon what principles of the CONSTITUTION can these measures be defended ?

Bishop Burnet, in his Conclusion, says, “ But men who
 “ have no principles cannot be steady : *now* the greater part of
 “ the capital gentry seem to return again to a love of tyranny,
 “ and they seem to be even uneasy with a Court, when it will
 “ not be as much a Court as they would have it. This is a
 “ folly of so particular a nature, that really it wants a name.
 “ It is natural for poor men, who have little to lose, and
 “ much to hope for, to become the instruments of slavery ;
 “ but it is an extravagance peculiar to our age, to see rich
 “ men grow as it were in love with slavery, and arbitrary
 “ power.”

I would not be suppos'd to insinuate that those country Gentlemen, who are now courting these little dependencies, have any *serious intentions* of advancing the power of the Crown, or introducing