

REVIEW. nefs ;—that is,—if they mean any thing,—pursuing it wherever a man thinks he can see it, and by whatever means he thinks he can attain it:—That is, that all *penal* laws—those made by their selves among others—which affect life or liberty, are contrary to the law of God, and the unalienable rights of mankind :—That is, that thieves are not to be restrained from theft, murderers from murder, rebels from rebellion.

They allow Governments long established, should not be changed for light reasons.

HERE then they have put the axe to the root of all Government ; and yet, in the same breath, they talk of “ Governments,” of Governments “ long established.” To these last, they attribute some kind of respect ; they vouchsafe even to go so far as to admit, that “ *Governments, long established, should not be changed for light or transient reasons.*”

Yet are changing a Government coeval with their existence, for no reason at all.

YET they are about to *change* a Government, a Government whose establishment is coeval with their own existence as a Community. What causes do they assign ? Circumstances which have always subsisted, which must continue to subsist, wherever Government has subsisted, or can subsist.

Amount of their pretended grievances.

FOR what, according to their own shewing, what was their original, their *only original grievance* ? That they were actually taxed more than they could bear ? No ; but that they were *liable* to be so taxed. What is the amount of all the *subsequent* grievances they allege ? That they were *actually* oppressed by Government ? That Government had *actually* misused its power ? No ; but that it was *possible* they might be oppressed ; *possible* that Government might misuse its powers. Is there any where, can there be imagined any where, *that* Government, where subjects are not liable to be taxed more than they can bear ?
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