

Fox said, was rational, and from the good sense of it, he had no doubt it was the true answer; but only then, let them see the situation in which A or B, or the person who upon application to a minister had been refused the Sacrament, was placed: from that moment he had incurred the penalties of the Act, and was punished in a manner perfectly new, unexampled, and unauthorised by the laws of the land; he was convicted without a trial by jury, and was disabled from enjoying an office which his Majesty, in the *legal exercise of his prerogative, had thought proper to confer on him*; and a person was thereby absolutely put into the hands of the clergy, who were to be the great arbitrators of qualification or disqualification for offices, and places of power and emolument. After commenting upon this new and unconstitutional mode of persecution, Mr. Fox observed, that the old argument of the length of time that the Test and Corporation Acts had subsisted, had been introduced and relied on; it was true, he said, that they had so subsisted for nearly a century; but how had they subsisted? By repeated suspensions; for the Indemnity Bills were, he believed, literally speaking, annual Acts. And where then  
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