

under oppression. It was left to the wretched compilers of modern times, under the immediate countenance of administration, to unite the treason of selling and enslaving a country with the hypocrisy of Charles I. and after having imagined such a character, to give to it the name of Sydney. But their intent was obvious, That by destroying this pattern of true patriotism, they might turn the people from the admiration of it in any other form.

They have exercised the same licentious freedom upon examples, and men more nearly connected with the present period.

The Revolution, and the protectors of it ; the Whigs, and the friends to the bill of succession ; have been traduced in mangled and manufactured collections of papers, which, if strictly and literally genuine, could be of little authority. Definitions have been called in to support this darling system \*, and the author of these Definitions, in a pamphlet published under the immediate inspection and countenance of the Court, has audaciously asserted, “ That there has not been a monarch of “ Great Britain *for almost a century*, except the “ present, who has appeared to *desire or deserve* the “ affections of his people †.”

A laboured attack upon the character of a patriot was next attempted by this favorite author of government. The object was the same, but more openly declared : it is a pointed satire against those who were at the period of its publication high in the esteem of the people for great and public services : and when he wishes, at least for form's

\* Johnson's Dictionary.

† False Alarm, p. 54. published 1770.