

dern substitution of the word government for ministry, was a most unfortunate and dangerous innovation.

He was afraid he had trespassed upon their time, and said too much upon one word; and if so he was ready to beg pardon. (*Loud cries of no! no! no!*) He was aware they did not assemble there to hear criticisms upon words, they had a much nobler object in view.

He had said, that since the year 1780 we had had political changes, and various ministries. We had had Tory Ministries, and we had had Whig Ministries. But had these changes produced any substantial alteration for the better? Had there been any radical change of system? Had the national debt been at all reduced since the year 1780? Did we feel the burthen of taxation to be lighter than it was at that period? Was the number of sinecure places and pensions diminished since that year? Were those who fatten on the public spoil less numerous than formerly? Were corrupt and iniquitous jobs less frequent? Were the people of England treated with more respect and consideration by his Majesty's servants, or by the holders of seats in the house over the way, than they were in the year 1780? Had not the former very lately poured contempt and insult upon that large and respectable body of electors—the Livery of London, and refused them access to the royal ear? And had not the members of a certain assembly, after endeavouring in vain to stifle all inquiry into one of the most disgraceful failures that ever marked the course of a weak and contemptible ministry, had they not within a few days shut up the doors of the gallery, in order to prevent their constituents, whom they are pleased to call strangers, from acquainting themselves with proceedings which ought to be as public as possible. Did we enjoy more freedom at home, or was the nation more honoured and beloved abroad than it was in the year 1780? Were we not now in the sixteenth year of a war, as unjust in its origin, and more destructive, burthen-some, and disastrous in its progress than that with America? (*Hear! hear! hear!*) with this aggravation, that whereas that war might at any time be put an end to, as it actually was put an end to by the abandonment of its object, but the present is a war to which no man living can see any probable termination! Were our affairs at all mended, or our prospects more encouraging, than in the year 1780? Quite the reverse. He was sure they would agree with him, that if it were reasonable