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as the natural Guardian, if a civil Institution can be so termed, of British Liberty; however Experience might have shewn that this Subject and this Predicate have not always been universally or morally true. This Country has had its Jefferies, and others, in the same dignified Situation with your Lordship: but who, following the Example of the Devil in Milton, “perverted all things or to their meanest Use or worst Abuse.” If therefore to Characters such as these are, your Lordship’s should be the very opposite Contrary, what Happiness is it for this Community, what Heart-feeling Satisfaction to yourself! Your Lordship’s should be, did I say? Your Lordship’s is the very opposite Contrary; of which, were I not anticipated in the Subject, the Parallel that I could draw would furnish the most ample Conviction: but to say what every body knows, and to set about to prove that, which is not denied, is a Species of Tautology as inadmissible in Ideas as in Words. Besides, indeed, the Instances are so numerous, that they would extend a Performance of this kind far beyond its Bounds of Limitation.

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However, my Lord, I cannot, in Justice either to your Lordship or myself, pass by a Precedent or two, which, whilst their Recency leaves their Impression on my Mind, their Circumstances are so many Proofs in Point of the Position that I have here advanced.
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