

too hastily it may call the *Panacea* of all those evils which afflict this country. Let me be indulged with a candid hearing, and it shall shortly appear that I am not wont to gloss over evils or abuses of any kind ; and I trust that the tenor of my past conversations and avowed principles will stamp me a warm friend to the general liberties of mankind, and to my particular rights as an Englishman ; with respect to future conduct — unhappily, the hour of proof may be at no great distance ! the honourable gentleman has repeatedly called the attention of the house to the principle of his bill,—*the restriction of that undue influence which raises the crown so high on the self-debasement of parliament.*—It is to the principle of his bills that I shall argue : his means are most ably conceived, and perhaps adequate to the end proposed ;—it is to the end that I will argue : will it not entail the worst consequences ? This apparent arrangement of order and harmony, will it not be subversive of that very freedom, of that very œconomy it is meant to support or introduce ? Sir, I may

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