

ancient animosity, which mutual forbearance had almost stifled and extinguished. On these principles he must deny his consent to the motion, and contend for the principles he had formerly stated.

Mr. Fox said a word or two in explanation:

Mr. Wyndham said, he would trouble the House with a few words only, which would bring the question into a very narrow compass. The whole seemed to turn on a question of fact. He feared he differed from his Right Hon. Friend, and from the Right Hon. Gentleman over the way. He could not agree, with his Right Hon. Friend, that it would not be proper to exclude any man from a participation of power on account of his religious opinions; neither could he agree, with the Right Hon. Gentleman, that such exclusion was little less exceptionable, unless the sentiments affected the Civil Government of the country. He thought that religious opinions became part of the Constitution of the Country. Having said this, he declared, he thought that this exclusion was not to be considered as a punishment, but, as the Noble Lord had termed it, an Act of self-defence. The Noble Lord had well