

the paupers whom they support by poor-rates, were all armed, and in possession of the vestry, voting not only the money to be raised by rates, but the division of it among themselves; decreeing what the price of all the farmer's produce should be; what wages should be paid to servants, and what pay to labourers. Under such a system of government I beg to ask, what security would remain for a single shilling in the pockets of those who are at present in a state of ease and competence; And whether such a state of tyranny would not be worse than that of the most determined despotism at present in Europe?

These facts are stated as having taken place in France; to say that they have every where taken place would be an exaggeration; but the *power* is, throughout the kingdom, *in the hands of the multitude*, and after knowing the use that has been made of that power, in so many striking instances, it may, in all truth of argument, be asked, whether the principle of such excesses be not admitted and professed the instant the power of a kingdom is lodged in any hands but those that have some property in it.

From what has all the abominations practising in France arisen? The question is answered in a few words; from the laws being submitted to the will, and the power being lodged in the hands of the Mob;—from those fine spun speculations of the “Rights of Man” being carried into effect, on which the late transactions in France are the best comment, and the most satisfactory reply.

I revere the manly spirit and understanding to be found in my countrymen of the lowest order. Their generous hearts, I trust, would abhor the idea of imbruing their hands in the blood of women;—of cowardly butchering those unfortunate men who had it not in their power to resist\*. That system of dastardly assassination

\* The horrid transactions of the 24 and 25 of September are here adverted to; on which many of the Queen's female attendants, and several thousands of helpless and unresisting persons, were massacred, with circumstances of the most savage barbarity. The Princess de Lamballe, after having suffered every insult that a French Mob could offer, and which decency forbids to enumerate, was at length beheaded. DURING TWO DAYS, her mangled body was dragged through the streets of Paris! In fact, the shocking brutality which distinguished that period, will make French Liberty and French Humanity proverbially disgusting to the latest posterity.