

from the ordinary Maxims of Government, deduced from, not to say prescribed by, our Constitution, and hoped sometime by clofeting Members, at others by awing them, by distributing Places of Power and Profit amongst his Creatures, by keeping up a large standing Army, and by making all the use he could of the Influence of his Revenue to establish a new Sort of Government, that he might bring back an old Superstition ; but he found to his Cost, that an *English* Monarch, who will not be the King of his People, has Revenues, Armies and Fleets in vain ; and that when in his Imagination he is strongest, and nearest his Purpose, he is in the greatest Danger of being nothing at all.

We are now come to that Period of Time, in which we launched out such immense Sums for the carrying on a foreign War, I mean after, and in Support of the Revolution ; it was justly and prudently foreseen, by such as came then into the Management of Affairs, that to raise such Sums as were wanting, by the ordinary Methods, and within the Compass of the current Year, was a Thing not practicable, especially considering the Ease the People had enjoyed under the two last Reigns. There was a mighty Difference between raising two Millions, and more than Five ; and therefore there was no Difficulty in finding out, that some Slight was necessary to prevent the Peoples feeling it ; our Ministers hit upon that very readily ; instead of creating Funds sufficient for the Service of the War, they created Funds for raising the Interest of such Sums, as might be necessary for that Purpose, which, besides the great End of raising Money, without the Peoples being sensible of it, answered many other Ends of almost equal Importance. In the
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