

Every age, we have seen, has its peculiar bias and dangers, and varying with this changeable aspect of the times, will be the really uniform conduct of the true friend to the people. Now the evil of this our day has been—a Morbid Liberality—the specious tolerance of every mode of government and faith, but a real indifference or dislike to any. The salutary restraints, imposed at the first bursting out of the French Revolution, checked the spread of the contagion, and preserved this nation from the scourge of similar horrors. The like temperate and early precautions, might perhaps have averted those dangers which at present assail our Ecclesiastical fabrick. Nor is this security an object of consideration to the Clergy alone. Blind indeed must he be, both to the dictates of reason, and the warnings of history, who perceiveth not, that the well being of the State is intimately and indissolubly connected with the peace and stability of the Church. As is the fate of the one, so will be the fortunes of the other.

As far from us as from any one, is the wish, to infringe the great privilege of our nature,