

maladie de la poche, vacuity. Perhaps the happiest and most enviable people in America, the comfortable freeholder, in the back country, is, of all the men in Europe or America, the one least able to pay taxes. What do I deduce from this? That the comparison of the English civil list of 898,468l. *, amounting to 1s. 7½d. a head is not at all unreasonable, when compared with the American civil list of 300,000 dollars, (66,000l.), or 5½d a head. But no comparison can be drawn justly, between a new country that did not form itself and an old one that did, and now pays the expence of forming that new one. Let the American account be charged with the expence of the war of 1756, or one hundred millions, and then compare taxation.

Page 50.—Anarchy.

If any doubt could be entertained whether Paine's principles were those of *real* reformation or of anarchy, it would be removed by his declaring, *I am contending for the rights of the living, against their being controuled by the manuscript authority of the dead.* This is a direct revolt against the authority of all LAW; he meant it against government, and did not see that it applies equally against law, and every link of civilization.

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* Sir John Sinclair's History of the Public Revenue, vol. ii. p. 76.