

' they were told with a gracious Smile, that
' their Safety purely depended on the *Dissol-*
' *ution* of the Parliament.'

Some have supposed, I hope invidiously,
that all this was of the Author's own pure
Invention ; because, say they, 'tis unlikely
the late *Minister*, who always was, and is
still, cherished by the P——e, would give
Advice that should put not only his royal
Patron, but himself too, more in the Power
of the Ministry than ever. He must be
weaker and more self-denying than he is
deemed to be, to act thus a Part, which
Machiavel would decry, and his very Ene-
mies laugh at him for. But what of that
and much more, which might be urged
against, not only the Infallibility, but Im-
propriety of this long-winded Digression.
'Tis enough that the learned Author had a
Mind to put the *Dutch* and Ministry
in a Fright, and to emblazon the Character
of his Hero, the late Minister; and whose
Business is it to find Fault with Men of Wit
and Genius ?

Therefore as he may think it to be none
of mine, I shall take leave of him here, as
to his *Pieces detachées*, pour embellir & rem-
plir, to pursue him to the Main of his Sub-
ject, which appears to have been to frighten
the Ministry from all Thoughts of Peace for
a Summer or two, that in the Interim, we
may take the Chance of totally undoing the
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