

I have ventured to talk with this writer about his positions ; but I am afraid to accompany him any longer, and surmise any thing about the execution of the D. of D. or of H. R. H. the D. of C. knowing, indeed, very little of their life or conversation, excepting that I remember to have heard the latter, some years ago, put a finishing stroke, not to constructive breaches of the Peace by the Pen, but to actual Rebellions, in favour of the Scottish line of Kings, and of Hereditary Right, by his victory at Culloden. What these two persons, therefore, have lately done, that, under the most absolute sway, even of a woman, could be prosecuted in any way, I am at a loss to guess. They seem to me to be mere negative signs at present. Upon my honour, I am not only amazed at the introduction of such matter, but I really and seriously wish the *Loyal Briton*, for his own sake, would stop his pen, at least until he has read *Droit Le Roy*, learnt what the House of Lords voted against the Author, and then calmly consider with himself, whether the present Ministry may not christen his piece (without the aid of a Bishop) a Libel, and make some orders of equal effect against him. It is disagreeable even to have a resolution for a prosecution pass against one, altho' no actual prosecution ensue.² There is, I can assure him, nothing which the Administration abominate more than this species of writing, which is of a very libellous nature, if not an actual Libel. The *Loyal Briton* can be but lately arrived from foreign parts, or he would never run headlong, with all his Loyalty, into such extravagant transgressions of Zeal ! One would think he imagined to himself

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