

what they say in their own Defence.

*They say*, The Case, as it stands between Parties, amounts to no more at present, than an Accusation without Doors; what it may be, is another Question. That *it is a Maxim in Equity*, that no Man ought to be publicly censur'd without Evidence; and it is a Maxim in Law, *That no Man ought to be condemned without a Trial*; both which Maxims are now destroy'd by these tumultuous Accusations: *They say*, they have no Recourse, but to declare their Innocence; and complain seriously of the Hardship they suffer, by being thus treated: *THEY SAY*, that they suffer the most unexampled Usage in this Matter; *that* they have never entertained the least Intelligence with the Pretender, or with any Person in his Behalf; *that* they never failed of their Duty, in doing every thing that was needful, and in their Power, to oppose and resist him; *that* if any thing was, at any Time, offered against his Interest, either in or out of Parliament, they always join'd with it, and came into all the Measures which