

not so much to proceed from Mal-administration, as from a radical fundamental error in the Government itself. An *imperium in imperio* has always been esteemed a solecism in politics, but imperial jurisdiction in a trading company implies a monstrous contradiction of contending and irreconcilable principles from which the worst kind of tyranny must necessarily result. The sole principle of a commercial company is *gain*; and the sole principle of every just Government ought to be *to secure the prosperity of the people governed*. Now is it not obvious that these two principles must remain at perpetual variance; and that the former will always prevail over the latter? If this reasoning is just, and I think it is unanswerable, it follows, that the first preliminary step to the relief of the East Indies was to remove every part of Government out of the hands of the Company; and the question only remained, where these powers were to be placed. But after the vote "that the influence of the Crown had encreased, was encreasing, and ought to be diminished," with what sort of consistency could the same