

that it was chiefly by the pressing this Tropick that Ministry was overturned.

All who were then in the Opposition were unanimous in their Sentiments that our whole Force ought to be exerted, not only in pursuance of Treaties, but in pursuance of the Publick Welfare ; and it is fresh in every Man's Memory, that the first Step taken upon the Change was to send the Earl of *Stair* abroad with Instructions to inform the *Dutch*, that we were determined to succour that Princess effectually, and expected therefore the same from them. I have been now a close Observer of publick Affairs for upwards of twenty Years, and I do not remember any Measure received with greater, or even with so great Applause as this. It may be objected, and I believe with Truth, that some People have argued in publick Assemblies, as if they had since changed their Minds ; but this Objection does by no means reach the present Ministry, they have steadily pursued in Power the Plan they recommended when out, and in this they have shewn themselves to be steady and able Men ; and as for those who have changed, their Motive is very plain, since without opposing this Measure, they could not oppose at all, and by opposing they have plainly lost their Credit with the People, as it is natural for Men to do, who, from Motives of private Interest, contradict themselves. This, Sir, is a fair State of the Case, and if his *Prussian* Majesty has received any Intelligence of another Nature, he has been so far deceived ; and this, like many other Mischiefs, ought to be placed to the Account of our Party Disputes, to which if any foreign Court trusts, it will be sure to be misled, since the Sentiments of the Nation are not to be sought for

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