

‘ \* I thought it proper to say so much, as  
 ‘ it is part of the *State of the Nation* to un-  
 ‘ derstand our natural Rights, and to be  
 ‘ guarded against a *Bill in Embryo*, projecting  
 ‘ to destroy them : since it matters little  
 ‘ that we have shewn what particular Affairs  
 ‘ are transacting, when perhaps *one is in*  
 ‘ *Agitation* of more Importance to our Wel-  
 ‘ fare than all the rest put together.’

A Man that apprehended an Intention to restrain the Press, and really wished to prevent it, would write with Decency and Calmness; and if he found Fault with the Ministerial Conduct, would speak of Ministers with Deference and good Manners. But he who would urge on every Measure for inflaming the Minds of the People, and ripening them for a Change, would use such Means as should appear more likely to hurry on the inflaming Measure he pretended to dread and explode. Thus are we told by the late Mr. *W*——n himself, or his Apologist, that in order to bring on, with the greater Certainty, a War with *Spain*, which would open a Way to that *old Constitution* he was so passionately fond of, he managed his Defence of the *Convention* so as to defeat, rather than promote the pacific Purposes of that Compact. ‘ And for this  
 ‘ Reason,