

believe, that the Support of His mild and just Government did, one Way or other, take up Two-Thirds of their yearly Rents or Incomes.

An Opinion so wanting of real Foundation, so evidently discouraging to Industry, and so strongly tending to disturb the Repose of this Kingdom, should have been early attended to by those who were then most honoured with the Royal Confidence, and most cherished by Royal Bounty; but the Statesmen of that Time seem to have considered Things only as they contributed to strengthen Opposition, or give Strength to those in Power; wherein their clashing Interests so far agreed, that the stronger *Opposition* was made by imaginary Payments for Taxes, the more Power did the *Minister* acquire to support himself.

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