

very short time, during which he has enjoy'd a plenitude of power, makes it, I own, rather difficult to shew the fallacy of this reasoning; but as I think myself enabled, from a close survey of his proceedings, fairly to engage, upon this point, with those who defend him, I shall endeavour coolly, and without any violence of party, to examine the truth of the fact; confining myself, at present, to consider the administration in this light only, how far they have, in their measures, adopted Revolution principles, or, to what degree, they have exerted the spirit of **TORYISM**.

The Motto, which I have prefix'd to these sheets, is taken from a composition that deserves, at this time, to be particularly studied by every Englishman; it is the preface to the translation of Hottoman's Franco-Gallia, containing Mr. Molefworth's profession of his political faith, or, in other words, the definition of a true **WHIG**. It was written in the year 1711, at a time, and under circumstances, perhaps not very different from the present, and breathes such sentiments of liberty and patriotism, as will make it, at all times, acceptable to every true lover of this **CONSTITUTION**. One of the great outlines of the present administration, and which has been carried to a degree unknown since the reign of Charles the second, is an open and declared profession of increasing the power of the Crown, by creating influence and dependencies upon it, in both Houses of
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