

provinces, may lead. There are, besides what I have before mentioned, the love of ease, the weariness of the war, and the pressure of distresses.

It is from such causes, and in such situations, that the most sudden and unexpected revolutions have been brought about; no less than five or six in Europe, and within little more than a century past. Two most remarkable in our own country, the restoration of monarchy under Charles the Second, and the happy revolution of 1688. Nor were those of Portugal, Denmark, and now lately of Sweden less sudden, or entire. In all these cases the change was easy and instantaneous, almost like the scenes of a drama.

In all it was a flying from present evils, from the uneasiness and pressure of the moment, and in several a change apparently to a state of less constitutional liberty.

I have tired your patience; I have but one word to add, it is above all things to

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