

ence of them ; notwithstanding as to its private internal Policy, it is a distinct Kingdom of itself, and hath Parliaments of its own ; whose Regulations and Ordinances, however, like those of the Colonies, grow up into Laws but at the Discretion of the King and his Council.

It is of the Nature and Essence of all human Governments, that a supreme and absolute Jurisdiction should be lodged some where : In some Countries, a despotic and hereditary Power is vested in the Person of one Man ; in others, it is delegated to a particular Rank ; and in others again, to an inferior elective Number of Men ; but the Wisdom of our Ancestors, maturely weighing the genuine Merits and Demerits of monarchical, aristocratical, and democratical Systems, and gleaning from each it's salubrious, and rejecting it's noxious Qualities, hath, from this variegated Sample, modelled us into the most admirable Mixture of them all, and intrusted the whole national Power and Authority with a Parliament : To this most puissant Court appertain the Privilege and Office of providing for the Public Weal, by abrogating such old Laws or Customs, or creating and enforcing such new ones, as the Mutability of all sublunary Affairs may render expedient ; and it is to the spirited and most merit-