

are so weak; they are as great political enthusiasts as the *Whitfieldians* are religious.

I have always understood, that Tory principles and Toryism in *state*, are a *jus divinum*, or a divine, hereditary, indefeasible right in kings; passive obedience, and non-resistance, with respect to the exertion of the royal power; and an opinion of prerogative of course inconsistent with liberty and our constitution. In church, I have always looked on Toryism to be a rigid attachment to uniformity in ceremonies, church-government, doctrine and discipline, and to the propriety of subscriptions and creeds: likewise, at the same time, to bear a mortal hatred to toleration and dissenters; and to have a better opinion of and greater disposition to Popery, than to Calvinism and the doctrines of foreign Protestants of Calvinistical persuasion. These I take to be the distinguishing principles of the Tories, however in certain particular circumstances they may have deviated from them, and acted contrary to their own character, in the same manner as they have charged the Whigs to have done. Surely the Tories, who are under the influence of such a blind, absurd and ridiculous set of principles and politics, can never be any very great votaries to the *Hanover* succession, whatever they may pretend, to answer sinister views and designs. Such a set of men, with such principles, must be always either a set of knaves, or of fools, or a mixture of both.

Their pretences of obedience to the king is a sham; for as the king acts by the advice of his ministers; the obedience they inculcate towards his commands, is only recommending obedience and submission to their own dictates, under the notion of loyalty to the prince. Hence it appears, that a Tory is a man of boundless ambition, pride, and lust of dominion; and all that he means by obedience to the king, is obedience to himself, and by the extension of prerogative, only the enlargement of the circle of his own power. Though it is impossible to comprehend what is unlimited, yet perhaps this may be, what the Tories mean by prerogative. Upon all these accounts, it is impossible, that they should keep faith with, or observe any treaties with foreign powers, that tend to diminish and reduce the power of *France*.

Can we then wonder, to see the king of Prussia renounced, and left in the lurch, and to struggle alone against the Popish league in Germany? Can we wonder to read, in the French memorial, the following declarations of the kings of Great Britain and of France? viz. The king of France declares, " That he will rather sacrifice the power that God has given him, than conclude any thing with his enemies, that may be contrary to the engagements he has contracted, and that good
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