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and Treasure. And how much more of both we spent in latter Days, to indulge to our natural *Prejudices*, I leave this Author to calculate.

But upon what Grounds do these masked Whigs raise their Proposition, that the Criterion of a Whig Conduct is to refift and reduce the Power of France? Would Whigs undertake the Reduction of France without any Prospect of Success? Would they destroy England in a fruitless Attempt of reducing France? Such cannot be the Policy of Whigs, unless of such Whigs as the Apologist paints out all our Statesmen since the Revolution to have been. But that a Name I venerate, as much as I do that of Whig in its genuine, primitive Meaning, may no longer suffer by Pretenders and false Brethren, I beg leave to deny this Propofition to be true, for the following few Reasons, among a thousand, that might be instanced.

The Whigs in Charles II. Reign, perfecuted the Earl of Danby, afterwards Duke of Leeds, and principal Promoter of the Revolution, and would have brought him to the Block, tho' it was notorious that he was an Enemy to France, and had obstructed all her Machinations at our Court, while he had any Influence there, as appeared by the B2