

deserved Commendation; and that some of the most violent Clamours against Male Administration have had no other Grounds, than either a Spirit of *Disaffection*, or the Views of Ambition.

As to the NATIONAL DEBTS, the real Fact stands thus:

THE *first* Article upon the List was a Debt contracted in the Time of King *Charles II.* when he shut up the Exchequer, and rewarded that Gentleman (*Mr Clifford*) with a Peerage, and raised him to the Office of Lord High Treasurer, who projected this infamous Scheme of robbing the Publick Creditors.

THE *second* Cause of necessary Expence was the *Revolution*; concerning which it may be sufficient to say, that either the Nation must have taken those Measures, or have submitted to the Loss of all its Liberties, Civil and Religious, and been contented to wear the Chains of *arbitrary* Power, riveted by Popish *Bigottry* and *Persecution*.

THE *third* was the *Reduction of Ireland*, then in the Hands of an Army of *French* and *Irish* Papists, with King *James* at the Head of them, exercising all Manner of Cruelties on the poor Protestants of that Country, and ready to invade *England* at the first Opportunity.

THE *fourth*, and greatest of all, was occasioned by the long Wars with *France*; When the real Question was, Whether the Nation would prefer being