

venality and dissipation prove useful engines in the hands of a corrupt administration.

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To the COMMITTEE for conducting the  
FREE-PRESS.

GENTLEMEN,

**Y**OUR correspondent, Hortensius, has observed, "that when the kingdom is injured in a few instances only, it may not be treachery to moderate opposition, we refer to the general character and known tendency of government;" if this favourable interpretation of their actions can ever be merited by *administration*, the leaders of opposition (the known and firm friends of their country) have at least a right to equal candour, at the tribunal of the public: If therefore, in the question of suspending four members of Parliament, some gentlemen have mistaken our constitution; it is no imputation to their characters, no impeachment of their conduct in other instances. The friends of the Castle, who boast of a victory upon that occasion, have no cause to exult in the success of their management; a majority of twelve against them, had, on that very day, shewn the weakness of government; the question of suspension was decided by the impartial wisdom of a number of members generally  
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