

John Dunning, *Esquire's Answer*, delivered the
Twenty-seventh of March, 1771, to Sir Stephen
Theodore Janffen, Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain,

I am to request the Favour of you, to represent me to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of *London*, as duly sensible of the great, but I must add, unmerited Honor they have done me ; for surely, Sir, there is little Merit in acting on one's own Opinion, and I cannot with a safe Conscience pretend to any other.

Convinced as I am, that our happy Constitution has given us the most perfect System of Government the World has ever seen, and that it is therefore our common Interest and Duty, to oppose every Practice, and combat every Principle that tends to impair it ; any other Conduct than that which the City of *London* has been pleased to distinguish by its Approbation, must, in my own Judgment, have rendered me equally unworthy of the Office I had then the Honor to hold through his Majesty's Favour, and of the Trust reposed in me, as one of the Representatives of the People.

To discharge faithfully the Duties of whatever Situation we are placed in, is among the first Objects of honest Ambition ; to be thought to have done so, I consider as a second ; consequently, I cannot but feel a high Degree of Satisfaction in
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