

of *Philip II.* to this Day, *under the Government of PRIME MINISTERS.*

The Wisdom of those, who form'd the *British* Constitution, saw this Evil in the strongest Light; and being equally attentive to the Honour of the Sovereign, and the Liberty of the Subject, tacitly precluded the Institution of an Office, equally prejudicial to both, by making no Provision for it.

An express Prohibition was not necessary, as it was clearly implied in the fundamental Principles of the Constitution; if it was not rather omitted from Respect to the Idea of rational Sovereignty, such as was established at the Head of this Government; to which it seem'd an Affront to apprehend even a Possibility of its being capable of such an Error.

This Custom, therefore, which may be only absurd in those Countries, where the Will of the Sovereign is the Law of the Subject, and must not be controverted, deserves another Epithet in a Government,
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