

such have, if possible, become more rooted in the affections of an uncorrupted people.

Your resignations were soon followed by the most worthy friends to this constitution, who in common are sharers of public veneration, and are considered as the advocates of English interests and English liberty. They have been eminently distinguished, as well by effecting the GLORIOUS REVOLUTION in 1688, which rescued this nation from popery, tyranny and slavery; as by establishing and zealously supporting the illustrious HOUSE OF HANOVER on the throne of these realms, against the designs and the efforts of the Tories and their Pretender. They have ever continued in the same consistent conduct, justifying and espousing the interests and liberties of the people, and supporting the dignity and honour of the crown. They defeated the wicked rebellions of a faithless tribe in 1715 and 1745, and brought some of the instruments in them to their deserved punishment. ‘ They never flatter a king with more independency and prerogative than is really his due;—they sooner chuse to retire.’ Their principles are steadiness and uniformity in the defence of constitutional liberty, always valuing and respecting the voice of the people.

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