

governments to suppress that hideous spirit of jacobinism which is the theme of their abundant declamation. One nation has indeed stood forth the bulwark of mankind. But that nation is governed more by an aristocracy than by a monarch. According to the English law, the king can do no wrong—a modest expression of the fact, that he can do nothing. He can, it is true, choose ministers, but then his part is performed. The rest is theirs. Each and every of them for each and every act of government, is liable to be tried by the peers on impeachment of the commons. They are thus accountable to the aristocracy: for if the peers are cloathed with the national dignity, it is the property which makes and sits in the house of commons. So little, indeed, is their king considered by them as an efficient part of the government, that the act in which he personally appears, and which of all others seems most especially his own, the speech which he makes, is considered and treated in their parliament, as the speech of his minister. And