

The depravity which has attended this corruption is not confined to the public walk of life; the lower classes hope to find a refuge, and boldly seek it, where they should have met their punishment—in the practice and hearts of their legislators. In this they are countenanced by the ill-judged aspersions upon those characters whom they had been taught to revere; and whilst the people seek a justification for their vices in the example of these their favourites, they are deprived of the advantages which would otherwise have resulted to them, from the imitation of their virtues. After having effected a complete dissolution of the virtuous compact between the several orders of men in this country, the administration have directed their last effort against the aggregate and collected virtue of the State, by stigmatizing with ridicule and low satire, the members of the legislature assembled in parliament, and engaged there in the actual performance of their duty.

The object of these sheets was to point out to you, in order, the steps by which the governing men of this country have of late corrupted your domestic and internal policy. As the legislators of a country You are interested very nearly in the sentiments and opinions of those for whom you are deputed to frame laws:—as fellow subjects you must feel for that large uninstructed and credulous part of the nation, who catch their ideas from those who govern them, and which direct themselves by opinions formed out of the ideas thus furnished to them: and as you are the judges of right and wrong, as far as relates to the rules of government, and of the constitution, whilst you are a deputed part of the legislation, it is incumbent upon you to watch the opinions of

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