

granted, that you will disavow that intent, and that the nation will believe you would have remained in your post. You will be pleased therefore to satisfy those to whom you have already appealed, in what manner the opposition of the council has produced your resignation, when, had the king approved your measures, you would have remained in office? Hence, Sir, does it not appear, that neither the different opinion of the council, nor the refusal of being permitted to guide the state, were the true motives of your retirement; and though no man may contradict, yet I think that no man can reasonably believe your assertions, and that all must see your unbecoming treatment of the best of princes. The motives thereto I shall endeavour to assign before I finish this letter.

Nor is this the only error which you have committed in the passage relative to your guidance. You say you resigned because you would not be responsible for measures you were no longer allowed to guide. In this declaration you forget yourself, the nature of your office, and the constitution of the realm. You certainly forget yourself when you expect that your king and his subjects are implicitly to obey your dictates. You forget the nature of your office when you