

Excuse for their Non-compliance the Constitution of Pope *Boniface*. But the King, who was not so easily to be lulled asleep, withdrew his Protection from the Clergy in general, and instantly began to imbreviate the Lands and Effects belonging to the Archbishop. On which the Clergy, with their Archbishop at their Head, humbly petitioned the King to be restored to his Royal Favour, and readily gave him Four Shillings in the Pound, *Regi suorum bonorum dederunt quintam partem*. And it is this subtil, tho' unsuccessful Temerity in the Clergy, which our Letter-writer is pleas'd to call "a Refusal in the Subjects to defend the King's Territories in *France* against the *French*."

Page 39. "The Poll-money imposed by Parliament in the Reign of *Richard* the Second, to defray the Expence of the Wars in *France*, was the Cause of bitter Imprecations against the King, which were followed by an Insurrection of the Commons." It was not the Poll-tax that irritated the Commons of *England*, but the brutal Manner in which it was collected by the *Flemish* Farmers; and every one knows that the Insurrection which afterwards happened was not owing to the Insult that was offered to *Wat Tyler's* Daughter, for the People of *Kent* and *Essex* had been in a Ferment long before the Poll-money was levied. This Circumstance was merely an intervening Incident, but the real Causes of the Peoples breaking out into an open Rebellion, were, among many others, the great Ravages that were committed in *Essex* and *Kent*, by the frequent Descents of the *French*; and extremely incensed indeed were the Commons against the Duke of *Lancaster*, who was charged with causing, by his Negligence, all the Calamities