

of Administration established at the Revolution, and continued without change or diminution, through four successive reigns to the death of the late King; and I will venture to assert, that every reasoning and impartial man, who will begin by examining the probable efficacy of this system for the preservation of public liberty and the independence of Parliament, and will then trace its operation through the period above-mentioned, will not hesitate to pronounce it the great palladium of the Constitution. For those who are not disposed to enter upon such an investigation, suffice it to observe, that from the institution of this system in 1688, to the essential alteration made in it in 1760, the history of the world cannot furnish an instance of a nation more mildly, more peaceably, more equitably governed; more happy and prosperous at home, or more gloriously successful abroad, than is presented by the annals of Great Britain during the seventy-two years immediately succeeding this great æra of the Constitution; and that from the hour this system was to be undermined, to make way for that which it is now proposed