

Majesty's dignity and prerogative, and is demonstrating their necessity to the support of society, and the maintenance of our civil liberties? Yet all this will appear upon reading his own words at length. "Under every monarchical establishment, it is necessary to distinguish the prince from his subjects, not only by the outward pomp and decoration of Majesty, but also by ascribing to him certain qualities as inherent in his royal capacity, *distinct from, and superior to those of any other individual in the Nation. For, though a philosophical mind will consider the Royal Person merely as one man appointed by mutual consent to preside over many others, and will pay him that reverence and duty which the principles of society demand. Yet the mass of mankind will be apt to grow insolent and refractory if taught to consider their Prince as a man of no greater perfection than themselves.* The law therefore ascribes to the King, in his high political character, not only large powers and emoluments, but likewise certain attributes of a great and transcendent nature; by which the people are led to consider him in the light of a superior being, and to pay him that awful respect, which may enable him with greater ease to carry on the business of Government." *

From these sound political principles, Mr. Burke has extracted, and disseminated, those doctrines only, which, however true abstractly

* Blackstone's Commentaries. Book I, Ch. 7.