

rity. Such Securities constitute publick Credit, and as their Value rises or falls at Market, so publick Credit is said to be high or low. But the notorious Violence and Injustice, with which the Proprietors of State-Securities were treated during the Regency of the Duke of *Orleans*, has so branded the Publick Faith of that Kingdom, that it is impossible there can be any such thing there existing as publick Credit.

AND yet I am inform'd, the Government, not many Months ago, had Money advanc'd both by Foreigners and Subjects. If it's true, it must be entirely owing to the Cardinal's *personal Credit* with the Bankers and Financiers, whose Confidence he has gain'd by his punctuality hitherto in pecuniary Transactions; and that possibly would in some measure support the Government if his Eminence was a little younger: But considering his great Age, the Influence of his Administration upon Affairs at this time, must be weak in proportion to the apparent Shortness of its Duration. The Absolute Power of the Crown is a Ressource that still