

From these reflections and observations, it appears, that the declarations of the ministerial advocates amount virtually to this; that the present administration is in the hands of men, whose principles constitute them implacable enemies to his present majesty and his family. I am glad, they have made the confession. We know the better how to guard against their dark designs, and wicked intrigues and machinations. We thank them for their honest declarations; but we cannot admire either their prudence, or their policy. Such professions one would think should make their patrons blush, whatever their designs may be.

To have acted prudently, these writers should have followed the example of the Jacobites and Tories in the reign of king William the third; who when they got into the administration, and possessed themselves of places of power, and trusts of consequence, declared there was not a Jacobite in the nation; on the contrary, that all those who were reproached with those odious appellations, were loyal and affectionate subjects to his Dutch majesty. However, notwithstanding all this pretended affection, and outward appearance of loyalty, these very men, at the same time, were forming a scheme to assassinate that prince, and for introducing their old Popish king to the throne. The present race of Tories more open and more honest declare what they are without disguise, give us warning, and hence leave us to guess what they are at, and to prepare a guard against them.

XX. *Rem.* VII. I shall now draw towards a conclusion with telling a story, which I lately found in some manuscript memoirs of the kingdom of Hungary, written in Latin; and which from its disparity to any thing, which has happened in the present times, cannot be applied, even as a contrary; and hence not, so much as suggested, to be libellous, even by Tories, who, through the assistance of *law-alembics*, in the reigns of Charles the second, and his brother, drew poison and treason out of every innocent discourse, and converted simple relations of historical facts into seditious libels by their venomous breath.

But, if this were the case then, *tempora mutantur*, the times are altered. Our present ministers have clear heads, clean hands, and honest hearts, and will not give directions to certain lawyers, or dare, like the libeller, who wrote the names of the principal inhabitants of his parish, to all the sins in the *Whole Duty of Man*; to convert an innocent story into an infamous libel, by changing the Hungarian into English names.

*Who draws a character, does not defame;*

*He makes the libel, who supplies the name.*