

established should be afterwards found derogatory to the rights of mankind; devotously administered; or altered by the consent of every part of the state. The stability of a well regulated legislature is the surest foundation of order and good government; and it is evidently for the advantage of the people, that government, with the reservations above specified, should be considered as a kind of inheritance in the constitution. Anarchy and confusion would be the constant attendants of every government, were it allowable for the people to make a resumption of their power on any other pretences. In elective, though limited monarchies, even where the form of government is perpetuated, What extreme confusion ensues, at restoring only a part of the legislature to its former state \*? The licentiousness attend-

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\* The history of the Roman emperors; and the choosing the kings of Poland, in our own times; are sufficient instances of the bad consequences attending an elective monarchy.