

bly. It is there asserted, *that no man can be accused, arrested, or detained, except in cases determined by the law, and according to the forms which the law has prescribed.* Such is the letter: what is the practice? On complaints from Niort, against some counter-revolutionists, seized by a mob thirsting for their blood; but who wished to have the flimsy cloak of a semblance of justice, the NATIONAL ASSEMBLY decreed, "That all the criminal tribunals of the kingdom should try, without appeal, all crimes committed against the revolution." And in order to indulge the same thirst at Paris, which was not with all its murders satiated, they decreed the removal of the criminals from Orleans to Paris; that is, from the legally established judicature, where there was a chance of justice, to an illegal one, where there was no such chance; and they did this in consequence of the most brutal and insulting addresses from the Deputation of the Commons of Paris.

The declaration says, *that no man can be punished but in virtue of a law established, and promulgated prior to the offence, and legally applied.* But the NATIONAL ASSEMBLY decreed that disobedience to their orders, in the colonies; "shall be regarded as high treason and those who shall render themselves guilty shall be sent to France to be tried according to the rigor of the law."

The liberty of the press was provided for in the declaration. Such the theory. The practice was, silencing all that were not *Jacobin* papers, and beheading the authors.

Pursue the declaration of rights through every article, and it will be found that there is not one, registered as an imprescriptible right of man, that has not been violated under circumstances of the most odious and abominable cruelty.

An Englishman is proud of the idea of his house being his castle; see the practice of *Jacobin* government in this respect! "Decreed, that the municipalities are authorized to search the houses of all persons for arms, and to take an account of horses and carriages applicable to the war." And soon after their absolute seizure confiscated. This was founding the alarm bell in order to give up the houses of