

or was not in order. The question was whether the bill was then to be read paragraph by paragraph. It was in a fair way in reasoning to see what experiments had been made on other countries. His right honourable friend had said that nobody had the least idea of borrowing any thing of the French revolution in the bill. Mr. Burke asked how his right honourable friend knew that? For any thing he knew, he (Mr. Burke) himself, might mean to insert some clause. If he were to be stopped, he asked why was it not in the beginning, and before he had fully declared the French revolution to be the work of folly and not of wisdom? It was the work of vice, and not of virtue. If the Committee would permit him to go on, he should endeavour to meet the most captious ideas of order. He declared he would not suffer friend nor foe to come between his assertion and his argument, and thereby to make him a railer. His honourable friend had said that although he did not do it himself, he was probably, though unwittingly, the instrument of some other people's folly. He declared he had not brought forward this business from any views of his own. If they did not suffer the affair to be discussed; if they shewed a reluctance to it——

Here *Mr. St. John* called Mr. Burke to order, and said the discussion could not be brought forward with any regard to order. He really asked it as a favour of his right honourable friend, that he would fix a day on which he would bring on the discussion of the French constitution. He said he knew the English constitution; he admired it; he daily felt the blessings of it. He should be extremely sorry if any person in England should endeavour to persuade any man or body of men to alter the constitution of the country. If his right honourable friend had made the French revolution the subject of a distinct discussion, that would be bringing it on in a fair way. If his friend felt the mischiefs of the French constitution as applicable to the English constitution, let him appoint a day for that discussion. This he requested of his right honourable friend as a particular favour.

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