

Who was it that cheated King *James* out of his Kingdoms, and forced even those who wish'd him best, to concur for their own Safety in such Measures as led him to an Abdication ; and who afterwards received that deluded Prince, and pretended to impose him on us as a Tyrant ; who if he would have ruled legally might have lived and died our Monarch ? who, I say, but *France* ? And who has ever since disturbed the present Government by Law establish'd, by open Invasions, by secret Conspiracies, now by avowing the Pretender to the Crown, and then by as *sincere* Pretences to desert his Interests, in order to recommend such Measures as were most likely to serve him ? Who, I say, but that perpetual *Proteus, France* ?

And now, Sir, let me ask you whether you think, after this hasty, this incorrect, this trifling Sketch of one Instance in a Hundred of her Treachery, any Man can doubt that if *Great-Britain* has any Sense or Feeling, she must have as honest, as hearty a Detestation for *France*, as she has Love for herself, and Duty to her Governors. You have heard no doubt that we have Debts, Taxes, and Grievances ; but, Sir, to whom do we owe them ? Our Debts were incurr'd in two long Wars, to defend ourselves against the Power of *France* ; most of our Taxes came in at the same Door ; and all our Corruption began *in*, and has been consequential *from, French* Practices. It is a melancholy Truth, but still a Truth it is, that we have been often forced to circumscribe our Liberties, that the Arts of *France* might not bring about Changes, that might have taken away all Liberty ; that we have been obliged to exclude for many Years together, a great Body of People from Places, to which they had as