

be a very zealous friend to the Revolution!

It is evident, that Dr. Shebbeare's account of the character and administration of King William, is full of the grossest misrepresentations; but if it were just, it would only prove, that too much confidence ought not to be placed in princes; and that, by whomsoever the throne may be filled, the people ought to guard with the utmost vigilance and caution against regal encroachments. Perhaps few princes have exercised their authority with more upright views than King William: but the history of mankind affords too many instances of princes and others, who have derived their power solely from the free choice of the people, and who yet, with the utmost wickedness and ingratitude, have betrayed the trust reposed in them, and totally disregarded the interests of those to whom they owed their elevation.

As to the Doctor's parallel between King William and his present Majesty, I shall only observe, that it is in general very safe to libel dead Kings, and it may be profitable