

gancies of some Princes, and have tempered the head-strong nature of others; they have checked the progress of arbitrary power, and have supported with honour to themselves, and with advantage to the nation, the character of grand inquisitors of the realm. The proudest Ministers of the proudest Monarchs have trembled at their censures; and have appeared at the bar of the House to give an account of their conduct, and ask pardon for their faults. Those Princes, who have favoured Liberty, and thrown themselves upon the affections of their people, have ever found that Liberty, which they favoured, and those affections which they cultivated, the firmest foundations of their throne, and the most solid support of their power. The purses of their people have been ever open to supply their exigencies: Their swords have been ever ready to vindicate their honour. On the contrary, those Princes, who, insensible to the glory and advantage of ruling a free people, have preferred to a willing obedience the abject submission of slaves, have ever experienced, that all endeavours to render themselves absolute were but so many steps to their own downfall.

SUCH is the admirable temperament of the British constitution! Such the glorious fabric of Britain's liberty—the pride of her citizens—the envy of her neighbours—planned by her legislators—erected by her patriots—maintained entire by numerous generations past! May it be maintained entire by numerous generations to come!

CAN the Americans, who are descended from British ancestors, and inherit *all* their rights, be blamed—can they be blamed BY THEIR BRETHREN IN BRITAIN—for claiming still to enjoy those rights? But can they enjoy them, if they are bound by the Acts of a British Parliament? Upon what principle does the British Parliament found their power? Is it founded upon the prerogative of the King? His prerogative does not extend to make laws to bind any of his subjects. Does it reside in the House of Lords? The Peers are a collective, and not a representative body. If it resides any where, then, it must reside in the House of Commons.

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