

English Liberties.

THE Constitution of our *English* Government (the best in the World) is no Arbitrary Tyranny, like the *Turkish* Grand Seignior's or the *French* King's, whose Wills (or rather Lusts) dispose of the Lives and Fortunes of their unhappy Subjects: Nor an *Oligarchy*, where the great ones (like Fish in the Ocean) prey upon, and live by devouring the lesser at their Pleasure: Nor yet a *Democracy*, or Popular State; much less an *Anarchy*, where all confusedly are *hail fellow, well met*. But a most excellently mixt, or qualified Monarchy, where the King is vested with large Prerogatives sufficient to support Majesty; and restrain'd only from the Power of doing himself and his People Harm; which would be contrary to the very End of all Government, and is properly rather Weakness than Power: The Nobility adorn'd with Privileges to be a Screen to Majesty, and a refreshing Shade to their Inferiors, and the Commonalty too so guarded in their Persons and Properties by the Sense of Law, as renders them Free-men, not Slaves.

In *France*, and other Nations, the meer Will of the Prince is Law; his Word takes off any Man's Head, imposes Taxes, seizes any Man's Estate, when,
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