

Law, to inspect the conduct of such who are intrusted with the Administration of Justice, and interpret the Laws to the prejudice of the People, and those who dispose the publick Treasure of the Nation.

All Crimes of these and the like kinds are publick Nufances, and wound the Body Politick in a vital Part, and can scarce be found out, or when found, can scarce be redressed, but in this great Assembly, before whom the most insolent Criminals tremble; and it has been observed, that they seldom prosecute any such Persons, but sooner or later they convict them, tho' they are in the greatest Favour of the King.

As for Instance, *Ed. 2.* doated upon his Favourite *Peirce Gaveston*, (a *Frenchman*) he wasted the King's Treasures, he had Honours conferr'd on him, and Riches, but without any Merit; he affronted the Nobility, presuming upon the Favour and Indulgence of the King. The Parliament in the beginning of his Reign made their Complaint, and thereupon he was banished into *Ireland*; the King afterwards calls him home, and marries him to the Earl of *Gloucester's* Sister; the Lords complain again so effectually, that the King not only consents to his second Banishment, but that if ever he returned, or were found in the Kingdom, he should be held and proceeded against as an Enemy to the State. Yet back he comes, and is received once more by the King as an Angel, who carries him with him into the North, and hearing the Lords were in Arms to bring the said *Gaveston* to Justice, plants him for safety in *Scarborough Castle*, which being taken, his Head was chopped off.

In King *Richard* the Second's time, most of the Judges of *England*, to gratifie certain corrupt and per-