

Times. In this we must beg leave to dissent from that Ministry, who seemed, not long ago, so shy of trusting it, tho' backed by the strongest Human Probabilities ; and, to mend the Matter, reduced *themselves* to that Necessity, with the Probabilities on the other Side.

Our next Dependance is upon Your Majesty's Wisdom and Virtue. The urgent Necessity of the Times, and Your Majesty's Goodness of Heart, make us hope for the utmost Exertion of both. The greatest Difficulty Your Majesty, and other Crowned Heads labour under, is to come at the Knowledge of Truth.—If Princes could know the Truth, *the Truth would make them free*. But “ they must judge of Affairs by such Representations as others make to them : Those are sometimes made by cunning and designing Men, and sometimes by weak ones.”—Therefore We pray GOD to endow Your Majesty with “ Princely Wisdom and Understanding, with Quickness and Sagacity, that You may know Men, and penetrate into Affairs, and govern happily.”—That Your Majesty may be blessed with a Ministry in whose Ability and Integrity both Your Majesty and Your People can securely confide, and equal to the arduous Task which lies before them ; *Men fearing GOD and HATING Covetousness* : A Ministry which France and Spain may look upon with so much Awe, as to keep themselves within the Bounds of Honour and Justice ; and a Ministry who can restore that universal Peace and Harmony, which not long ago was the Terror of our Enemies, and the Joy of all Your Majesty's Dominions ; but which has lately been unhappily lost by the weak Conduct of Men, who have all along been loudly complaining of the Want of that Confidence of Your People, which they have never had the Prudence to endeavour to gain, or deserve, by any reasonable Means.

“ Reputation and Credit, the Quiet and Satisfaction of Mens Minds, can be rationally built on nothing but Experience. This alone can convince any impartial thinking Man of the Ability, Integrity, or other Virtues of those, on whom our Affairs depend, both as to the Council and Execution of them.”—All extravagant Commendation and Praise prior to this, is out of Time, and rather raises Suspicion than gives Content. And all abusive Noise and Clamour against the Effect of this Experience upon Mens Minds,

is but making the Matter worse.—As Nature itself will not allow the Effect to cease while the Cause remains, it is out of the Power of Man to make it otherwise ; and all Attempts for that Purpose can end in nothing better than *Labour in vain*.

This domestic Peace and Harmony restored, would, We are persuaded, give great Joy to Your Majesty's Faithful Subjects ; and seems absolutely necessary to enable us to make any useful Improvement of what the Ministry have thought fit to leave in Our Hands, and to secure Us against the fatal Effects of the future Intrigues of Our avowed Enemies.

We humbly rely upon Your Majesty's Wisdom and Fatherly Goodness to bring about this GLORIOUS EVENT.

That Your Majesty's Reign may be long and prosperous ; that all Ministerial Artifice, Imposition, and Treachery, may be detected, and suitably rewarded, is the sincere Prayer of, may it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most Dutiful, and Loyal Subjects,

The PEOPLE of GREAT BRITAIN.
To these the Printer here, presumes to add,
And the GOOD PEOPLE of AMERICA ;
who will say AMEN.

The NORTH-BRITON.
On the Fallacies advanced in support of the
PEACE.

NOTHING surely can be so truly contemptible as the arguments by which the Scottish partisans endeavour to establish an opinion of the integrity and wisdom of their ministerial idol ; nor can any thing be more despicably fallacious than the artifices which they have constantly used to impose upon the judgment and unsuspecting confidence of the public.

As the treaty of peace is by much the most important, so it is natural to suppose that it should employ a greater part of our consideration than any other proceeding of the arbitrary Scot, and be more frequently canvassed, in proportion as this superiority of importance is allowed. The mercenary scribblers who have drawn their prostituted pens in defence of this treaty, have pitched upon a very pretty species of argument, in order to support the restitution of our conquests, and justify the ill-grounded apprehension, or infamous prodigality of their all-economical minister.

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