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TO LORD DARTMOUTH.

Quam longitè eum ab his rebus abesse arbitrare, quas non modo antea nunquam cogitasset, sed ne nunc quidem, cum eas ingreditur, qua & quantæ sint suspicari potest? CIC. IN CÆCIL.

MY LORD,

IT has been remarked by the celebrated Cardinal de Retz, that the most extraordinary Things which happen in our own Times, and which we see ourselves, do not surprise us near so much, as very common Transactions we read of in Times past; and he is of Opinion, that when the Emperor Caligula made his Horse a Consul, the People of Rome at that Time, grown familiar with Tyranny and Corruption, were not much astonished at it. If we review in particular Instances the malignant Influence of Prerogative within a few Years, and the consequent Unhappiness, Anarchy and Destruction which