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Be wise now therefore, O ye Kings; be instructed ye Judges of the Earth. Psal. 2. 10.

Preface.

IF the Court will buy, and the will sell, and the People must find Money to make good the bargain; moreover, if a Standing Army must be kept on foot to keep the Ghost of Old England from arising to demand her Just Rights and Liberties; Then it is high time for the Clergy of the Church to preach Patience and Passive Obedience, till the Great Day of Judgment, wherein all things will be set to rights.

C H A P. I. Or, *A Question to the oldest man in England.*

Sir, Do you remember any King's Reign, wherein the People did not complain of Incroachments upon their Rights and Liberties?

C H A P. II. Or, *A Question to the youngest man in England.*

Sir, Don't you remember the time when the People were content to live peaceably in the enjoyment of their Liberty and Property, tho the Regal Administration was vested in a Committee of Nine men?

C H A P. III. Or, *A Question to any man in England.*

Sir, Would not you be as well pleased to enjoy your Life, Liberty and Estate, if the Supreme Administration were lodg'd in Ninety and Nine, as when it was only in a Committee of Nine?

But not to multiply Doubts, here follows

The Conclusion, or

An Answer to all Questions at once.

True Religion and good Government are certainly the greatest blessings that Mankind can wish or enjoy: yet he who shall wisely and warily consider the Quixotick Windmilness of the Brain, and the intricate Wilderiness which is in the Heart of man, will not greatly be surprized, when he shall happily discover, that as (on the one hand) unintelligible Mystery and needless Ceremony make up the whole Trangumness of Superstition; so (on the other hand) nicely-plac'd Mollifications, and well-rai's'd Expectations are the Herculean Pillars that sustain the awkwardly intriguing Whimwhamness of a Court.

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