

Loose Hints

Mr P. & Co had four different lines to come at their object. 1st Delay, the best chapter in the history of doubtful politics. It was necessary to prevent this delay from appearing to arise from the party: Therefore the lapsus lingua of their opponents was seized with avidity and made the object of unmeaning, but tedious and deceptions discussion.

The time gained by these means was an addition to the stock of the Company, and whatever their art on the one side, or chance on the other, ^{has gained,} is an accession to their profit.

The produce of the art is to give time to their adherents to work on the prejudices & ignorance of the people to vote thanks and addresses, whilst they take care to feed the sanguine and ignorant with hopes from Flew.

The 2^d object is pursued at the same time; although P. has the human frailty of being fond of power, the manner in which he received it in 1784, was neither flattering to

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His talents, nor did it suit his pride). He wishes, now, to appear to owe to his own merit what he derived before from the influence of the Sovereign, being too great to be any man's servant. Strange as it may be in the present age this principle in him is supported by an enthusiasm scarcely known, at least little practised, since the beginning of ^{the} last century.

It is well known, that even if the present Crisis had not come on, he had resolved to try his strength against the _____; and either through force or intimidation to gain that uncontrouled ascendancy over his Employers which he had reprobated with so much success, as being the fixed principle of his opponents in the year 1784.

3^d - If His proposed restrictions are rejected by the P____e, he thinks another Regent, with a Council, will meet the present state of the minds of the people. If these restrictions are received by the Prince and yet are rejected by the P____e's friends, he himself (P____e) with his crew may rule the roast under the shadow of a name.

4th If both the P^{er} and his party will accept under the restrictions P^{er} thinks he has an after-game to play. He expects that by keeping by means of restrictions a Majority within doors, and by retaining popularity without, he will be able to retake the Citadel and to possess it on his own terms.

None of these ways to power are, in the opinion of the Writer hercof, either safe or certain. The means already used would certainly have been unsafe at any other period; and he ought to recollect the fate of his opponents in 1784, before he builds any certainty of success on his own present schemes. It was an opinion that they meant to retain a Majority in parliament against the executive power that first roused the jealousy of the people; and it was their being supposed to make use of that Majority to obstruct the necessary business of the State, that set the nation in a flame.

To the Rock on which his Predecessor split, he must drive with full sail, if the Regency is accepted. The people will soon perceive his design _{and}

and will reprobate his conduct. The Tide
will not only turn, but set strongly the other
way. Patience, the first of virtues, is only
necessary; and were her sister Silence but to
accompany her for a short space, matters would
be settled, in a few months, on a solid foundation
notwithstanding all the arts and machinations
of the Enemy.

I would permit either Gr — v — ce or Buckton
to be their Speaker!!

Loose hints on
the Regency

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