
*Johnson.* Truly, Sir, your Management was very surprising, considering your System of Politicks was so. Now it is a wonder it should be so happily put in Practice, and come to Perfection in one Reign; others have blundered in the Old Road of Arbitrary-Power; and could not compass the Destruction of our Civil Rights. Towards the effecting of which, you have done more in Fourteen, than they have done in Fourscore Years. I must confess you are Dabsters at the Work; they could never find out the way of *Legion Letters, Kentish Petitions,* and *Black-Lists.*

*Bays.* There have you mentioned three Politick-Actions, that the whole World cannot Parallel; and yet these things were done from the former Advanced Notions of the Old Tories: For, 'tis a Politick Maxim of theirs, That when ever the People of England are jealous of their Liberties, and are consortig of Methods for Securing their Laws and Free-Birth-Rights; then to divert 'em by specious, surprizes of Eminent Danger from Abroad; or else to tell 'em, That the Church is out of Repair, and that further Care ought to be taken to Support the Protestant Religion: When God knows, We Care not a Rush for either. But this way of Diverting Mens Minds from their own true Interest, and natural Business, is the only way to fix our own Interest, and to secure our selves in the Ministry. Look ye, Gentlemen, I believe, I shall never come into Play again; and perhaps, you may (tho’ I am in some doubt, whether you are not both too Honest to be employ’d) and therefore I’ll give you a Leaf out of my Book: Tho’ I gave you no Money in the late Reign, I’ll give you some Advice in this.