

TUESDAY, August 26, 1746.

HORATIUS.

In *Politics and civil Government*, besides some Advocates for arbitrary Methods, who think the *Peoplace* were only born to a slavish passive Obedience, to be exposed to all the Evils of Oppression and Cruelty, if not submissive to an unreasonable Power, which must be absolute and unlimited in every Case whatsoever. There is a Set of mysterious and unintelligible *State-Wits*, who deal mightily in a certain *divine Right*, or *Jus divinum*, in *Princes*; or, in plainer Words, a *License* to be as wicked and tyrannical as they please, even to the Perdition and Expiration of a whole People; and all this by the Authority of that just Ruler of the Universe, whose divine Attributes are quite opposite to the Character of a Tyrant: These never reflect that civil Governments were first instituted for the Safety and Protection of a People, and that a good Regulation and Oeconomy, to confine the governing and governed Parties to reasonable Bounds, is necessary to preserve Harmony and Amity among them.

A true Taste is intirely founded on Nature; to leave Nature for Whim and Fancy, is not the way to acquire it, as there is a certain Beauty and Deformity in natural Things, proper to be discerned, so there is likewise in moral Subjects: True Taste admires and rejects the first, and this is the true manner of the poet, and the true

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 and must compare the Person with other characters; and at  
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