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N^o 1. Friday, December 23, 1715.

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of their weight, when we are persuaded that
he only writes for argument's sake, and has
no real concern in the cause which he espou-
ses. This is the case of one, who draws his
pen in the defence of property, without hav-
ing any; he writes, perhaps, in the copy of a
libel, or a ballad. One is apt to suspect, that
the passion for liberty, which appears in a
grub-street patriot, arises only from his so-
prentice's goals; and that, whatever he
pretends, he does not wish to liberty, but to get something of his
own.

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with them, and asking of him that power which was vested in the whole legislative body. And what was the dreadful end of such a proceeding? It is too high in every body's memory. Thus is a Prince corrupted by

the corruption of the Ministers, and the Ministers are corrupted by the corruption of the Ministers. They will never rest, but retain their offices, and the nation will be ruined by their corruption. The Address was as follows: To the King's most Excellent Majesty, George the Third, in Parliament assembled, the Petition of the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, sheweth, That your Majesty's Ministers, by their corruption, have brought your Majesty's Affairs to such a state, that your Majesty's Revenue is diminished, and your Majesty's Credit is impaired, and your Majesty's People are ruined.

THESE are the words of the Address, which was presented to your Majesty's most Excellent Majesty, George the Third, in Parliament assembled, on the 22d of February, 1771. We have the honor to inform you, that the Address has been read in your Majesty's House, and that the same has been approved of by the House.

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