

III. Of the King and His Title

The Supreme Executive power of these Kingdoms is vested by our Laws in a single person, the King, or Queen; for it matters not to which sex it descends; but the person entitled to it is immediately invested with all the insigne, rights, and prerogatives of Sovereign power by 1st Mary A. S. C. 1.

The fundamental maxim upon which the right of Succession to the Throne of these Kingdoms depends seems to be this; that the Crown is by Common Law and Constitutional custom hereditary; and this in a manner peculiar to itself; but that the right of inheritance may from time to time be changed or limited by Act of Parliament, under which limitation the Crown still continues hereditary.

It is in general hereditary, which owes its origin to the founders of our Constitutions, they might have preferred an elective Monarchy, which at first sight appears the best suited to the rational principles of government and the freedom of human nature, and would in reality be as desirable in a Kingdom as in other inferior Communities, if the individuals who compose that State could always continue true to first principles, uninfluenced by passion or prejudice, unassailed by corruption, and unawed by violence.

The best, the wisest, and bravest man would then be sure of receiving that Crown which his endowments have merited; and the sense of an unbiassed majority would be dutifully acquiesced in by the few who were of different opinions; but history and observation teaches us that elections of every kind are chiefly obtained by influence, partiality and artifice; all Societies are liable to this, in private ones suspicions of that kind if false give rise only to jealousies and murmurs which time will effectually suppress, and if true the injustice may be remedied by legal means, by an appeal

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The King's Council is a body of men
 who are chosen by the King to advise
 him in all his affairs. They are
 called the King's Council, and they
 are the King's right hand. They
 are the King's eyes and ears. They
 are the King's mouth and tongue.
 They are the King's heart and soul.
 They are the King's life and breath.
 They are the King's glory and honor.
 They are the King's power and might.
 They are the King's wisdom and knowledge.
 They are the King's love and mercy.
 They are the King's grace and favor.
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