Upon this statute, so important to the rights both of the Crown and the subject, Justice Forster, whose authority will ever be respected in courts where the principles of justice are understood, makes the following observations: " Here is a clear parliamentary declaration, that, by the ancient constitution of England, " founded on principles of reason, equity, and " good conscience, the allegiance of the subject " is due to the King for the time being, and " to him alone. This putteth the duty of the " fubject upon a rational and fafe bottom; " and be knoweth that allegiance and protec-" tion are reciprocal duties." That is, in other words, that the fubject " knoweth" that the State is as perfectly "bound by the principles " of reason, equity, and good conscience," principles, the force of which no human law can supersede, to protect and defend his perfon and property against all violence and injuries, as he is bound to obey, and affift the Prince, Prince, in defending the State in time of need and danger; and that if he fails in the protection, and violates his engagement, he is bound by the same principles to make the subject adequate compensation. Indeed, this is the law of every regular State, as will appear from all the books on the fundamental laws of civil society.

Puffendorff therefore fays, "That under the law of Eminent Domain (which alone gives the fovereign authority a power over the property of the subject), if a Prince is compelled by necessity to alienate in a treaty a part of his dominions, the losses of individuals, whose fortunes are facrificed to the national fafety, must be made good by the nation.

"What power (continues the same author)
"the commonwealth has to cede the goods
"of private subjects upon a pacification, must
be discovered from the nature of transcendental property; upon the force of which
the goods and fortunes of private men may
be given up whenever the necessities of the
State and the public interest require it: but
with this consideration, that the state is obliged to make good such losses to the subject
out of the public revenue. But whethe a
particular subject's goods may be ceded, or
taken