





A  
VINDICATION

OF THE  
RIGHTS OF MEN,

IN A  
LETTER

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
EDMUND BURKE;

OCCASIONED BY  
HIS REFLECTIONS  
ON THE  
REVOLUTION IN FRANCE.

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## ADVERTISEMENT.

MR. BURKE'S Reflections on the French Revolution first engaged my attention as the transient topic of the day; and reading it more for amusement than information, my indignation was roused by the sophistical arguments, that every moment crossed me, in the questionable shape of natural feelings and common sense.

Many pages of the following letter were the effusions of the moment; but, swelling imperceptibly to a considerable size, the idea was suggested of publishing a short vindication

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*Rights of Men.* But not  
are or patience to follow  
ry writer through all the  
cks in which his fancy  
a game, I have confined  
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principles at which he has  
y ingenious arguments in  
ous garb.



A  
L E T T E R

TO THE

*Right Honourable EDMUND BURKE.*

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S I R,

I T is not necessary, with courtly insincerity,  
to apologise to you for thus intruding on your  
precious time, nor to profess that I think it  
an honour to discuss an important subject with  
a man whose literary abilities have raised him  
to notice in the state. I have not yet learned  
to twist my periods, nor, in the equivocal  
idiom of politeness, to disguise my sentiments,  
and imply what I should be afraid to utter:

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