

KINGS, CROWNS AND COMMON SENSE



"An original idea that magnetized American readers."

A secular version of "No King but Jesus."

The institution of monarchy:

- ▶ Rotten to the core
- ▶ After locking the door against absolute monarch, we foolishly gave the key to the king
- ▶ Craving for absolute power
- ▶ Dangerous and destructive
- ▶ Plain silly
- ▶ No basis in Christianity=No "divine right"
- ▶ Laughable and ridiculous
- ▶ Based on ignorance, not wisdom
- ▶ Camouflaged in displays of pomp and palaces
- ▶ Subjects pay 'idolatrous homage'
- ▶ 'Hereditary succession' leads to 'asses' and folly
- ▶ One honest person has more value than 'crowned ruffians'

(from John Keane, Tom Paine)