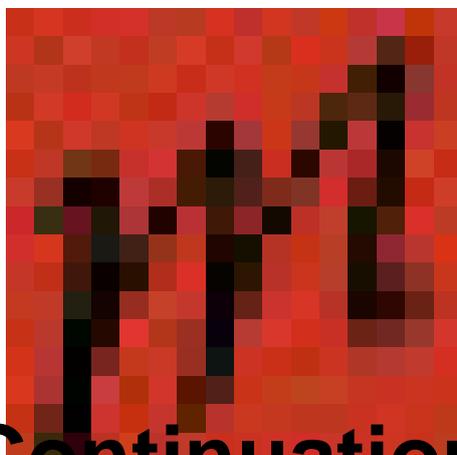


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An English law passed under Henry VIII declared anyone who predicted the king's death guilty of high treason. This law was quite vague ; despotism is so fearsome that it turns against even those who exercise it. During that king's last illness, the physicians never dared to say he was in danger, and they doubtless acted in consequence. [1]

[1] See the *History of the Reformation* by Mr. Burnet.