search the writings of the French authors and
point out, if you can, a practical theory of
government in them. With their despicable
dogmas they gull'd the people and, by a vain
hope, and a mere phantom of liberty and peace
they illud'd them to destruction. But the
gentleman says, "whatever may be the opinion
entertained of this revolution, the motives of
the enlightened minds that first put this ball
in motion were purely patriotic, and their cause
the cause of liberty. Quite a nice palliation
for such horrible consequences. "Their motives
patriotic," we do not dispute the "motives" of men
but as he professed in the outset, the good or
evil arising from men of actions and men of
thought. And I emphatically say, that the
motives of these "enlightened minds" were purely
patriotic. For any person who knows any thing
about the case knows that the flame of
true patriotism burned fainter and fabler
in the breast of Voltaire, one of the prime movers,
then any other flame, for his only object was
to establish an aristocracy of talent at the
expense of the people. And the gentleman in order