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If the French invasion of England in 1690 had succeeded, England would have become a Catholic monarchy with an absolute ruler. Parliamentary government, which was just beginning to take shape in England, would likely be strangled in its crib.

John Locke, a key figure in the development of Enlightenment philosophy and the concept of natural rights, may have been silenced or forced into exile. Without the influence of Locke's ideas on individual freedoms, the development of democracy and other Enlightenment ideas may have been stifled. This could have had significant impacts on the course of intellectual and cultural history.

The absence of democratic institutions and individual freedoms would have slowed the pace of industrialization, the Industrial Revolution as a whole and innovation, potentially impacting the development of key Enlightenment ideas. This would have had significant impacts on the course of intellectual and cultural history for the next 100 years and life as we know it today.

The balance of power in Europe and the colonial ambitions of European powers would have been altered, with France potentially gaining control over North America. This would have changed the course of American history, with French culture and language becoming dominant. The absence of Locke's ideas on individual freedoms and natural rights may have also influenced the development of the United States, potentially leading to a society with fewer protections for individual rights and freedoms.

This alternate history highlights the impact of political and religious factors on the course of history and how small changes in key events can have far-reaching consequences on the development of ideas and global events