

vilege of their neighbours. I wish too that he would be persuaded by his own reason, if a thousand instances have not taught it him, that an Englishman, or even a Scotchman, opposed against a Frenchman, is but a man; that one gun and one ship is as good as another; and that, however necessary it may be to delude the fore-castle with such an idea, whenever the fate of this country shall depend upon the event, it will be the height of temerity to suppose, that with equal numbers, or with one or two more, the advantage will be on our side in the proportion of *ten to one*.

I believe I have answered above, in speaking of the Congress, the article about the *mock Parliament*, and *Committees of Major-Generals*. I see the Gentleman alludes to the times of Cromwell; but the circumstances differ widely; where all are soldiers, and all are armed, it is natural to suppose that sense and valour will take the lead, and Major-Generals are more likely to be at the head of a Committee, than those of inferior rank, talents, and abilities; but in this Committee, which, like every other part of the republic, is *elective*, there is a Polish Veto
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