

churches at all, and while there are about a thousand parishes not averaging a hundred inhabitants, while, however, the parsons continue to receive the tithes and other church-revenues of those parishes.

That, as another specimen, while there were only 15 foreign ministers in the nation's *employ*, it had, in 1808, when the last return was made, to pay 57 foreign ministers; that it has to pay one Field Marshal or one General to about every 163 soldiers in the army, and five Generals to every regiment of soldiers; that it has to pay two Admirals for every one of its ships of the line, and one Admiral for every 140 sailors.

That the House of Commons caused to be printed, on the 3d of July, 1828, a report of a Committee on the Poor Laws (the object of which Committee was to devise the means of lessening the poor-rates), and that the evidence taken before that Committee (and printed with the Report) contains the following statements, by the several persons here named:—By Mr. LISTER, of MINSTER, in Kent: That “the convicts (on board the
“ hulks) are a great deal better off than our labouring
“ poor, let the man (the convict) be ever so bad a man;
“ that the convicts come on shore to work; that they
“ do not work so hard nor so many hours as the common labourers, and that they live better; that it is
“ very common for the convicts to save money, and to
“ carry from ten to forty pounds away from the hulks
“ when they are discharged; that the witness has
“ heard several labouring men declare, that if they
“ could commit any act so as to be condemned to labour in the hulks, they would gladly do it.”—By Mr. HENRY BOYCE, of WALDESHIRE, in Kent, who did himself infinite honour on this occasion: “That he
“ has seen 30 or 40 young men, in the prime of life,