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More might be said on the Subject, but this is enough to encourage me to leave it even to the *By-Stander* himself to determine, whether the Power of the Crown is not now raised to a much greater Height than it ever attained before, since *England* was a Nation. And what Power is there in the People to ballance this of the Crown? Whilst military Tenures subsisted, they were bred up in military Exercises, trained to War, and had Arms in their Hands: Now they are naked and defenceless, unarmed, undisciplined, and unexperienced. In former Days they had Leaders that understood the Art of War, and that of their own Vassals had Followers enough to make up a Body of Men sufficient to encourage others to resort to it and form an Army: Now there is no such Thing, no warlike Leader, no great Man with such a following in all the Kingdom. The People, now having no Head, are a loose Multitude, a Rope of Sand, and are to be considered only as so many Individuals or single Persons, without any means of Union among themselves, and without almost any Possibility of acting in Concert; for where there is neither Confidence nor Secrecy; where in Consequence of a general Corruption, Jealousies are universally entertained and have got Possession of the Minds of Men, it is impracticable for any Number of Gentlemen to meet and agree in Measures, or to get together a Body of Men, not bound by Tenures, but perfectly independent, to venture their Lives with them. A Standing Army carries Terror enough along with it to keep any such Design from entering into their Heads, or at least hath Power more than enough to crush them the first Moment they attempt to put it in Execution; and if there were none, an Administration so extremely vigilant, so full of Suspicions