

first Place it introduced a new Trade, I mean of Stock-Jobbing, in which the Friends of the Government dealt to very great Advantage. It enabled the Ministry, by having these advantageous Lights in their Power, to draw off Numbers, who would otherwise have opposed them, by bartering private Advantage in exchange for Publick Spirit. It afforded an Opportunity for augmenting the Officers of the Revenue, for creating a Multitude of new Posts, and thereby enlarging the Power of the Crown, by means more effectual, and at the same Time, far less invidious, than the old Way of the Prerogative. It likewise contributed not a little to the strengthening of the Government; for as the monied Interest by degrees came to be deeply engaged, so of Consequence, a abundance of wealthy People, were attached from the Consideration of their Fortunes, more firmly, than they could have been any other Way, to the new System. I might proceed to reckon up many more Advantages, but these are sufficient to shew what the true Motives were, upon which the Government went in establishing this Method of raising Money, so strange to our Constitution, and which in a Course of Time, has in a Manner new moulded it; and all built upon this single Principle of the Necessity of reducing the Power of *France*, and preserving the Ballance of *Europe*.

To place this perplexed Subject in the clearest Light possible, it will be proper to observe, what the Pretences were for making this extraordinary Change; since it would be absurd to imagine, that if any of the Motives before-mentioned, had been insisted on to the Representatives of the People, they would ever have consented to such a Change, because so manifestly to the Prejudice of