

were equally notorious ; and have been equally neglected : When the Purchase of the *Isle of Man*, and the subsequent Provisions were made, the Design was to follow them with similar Regulations of the Intercourse between this Kingdom, and the Islands of *Jersey* and *Guernsey* : No Parliamentary Interposition was necessary. The King in Council being vested with sufficient Powers over those Remnants of the Dutchy of *Normandy* : And the vast Influx of clandestine Importation from thence calls for the Exertion of those Powers : It was intended by the former Ministry ; that Intention was declared ; and the Means of accomplishing it under Consideration ; but nothing has been done : And the Plan for distressing all illegal Importation, by taking away the Facilities which arise from the Situation of neighbouring Islands, is not only left unfinished ; but even the Effects of the Progress which had been made in it is to a Degree defeated, while Smuggling though shut out at one Entrance, finds Admittance at another. The Manner in which the Establishment of Cutters has been treated, is another ill Omen to the Revenue : They have been reviled, ridiculed, and continued : The Expence attending them is as great as ever : The Operation of them less : The Ministers have acknowledged the Measure to be right, by continuing it ; but the Dislike they shewed to it, discouraged the Service : As the Persons employed therein, could not hope to recommend themselves by Activity, nor fear to suffer for Remission, in a Service, which the Administration wished to expose and to condemn. The Doctrines too, which have been lately broached with Respect to the Colonies, and which portend still further Relaxations of the Acts of Trade, and other Diminutions of Revenue, will have a like Effect there : All Vigour in exacting Obedience to the one, and collecting the other, must be at an End under such a System as the present : The pernicious Clandestine Trade which was almost suppressed, is said to be reviving very fast : And it will encrease, while the Execution of the Laws is attended with Danger ; Infractions of them escape with Impunity ; and the Officers of the Crown who faithfully discharge their Duty, are exposed to Insults, and doubtful of Support. I have heard of other Instances of Neglect and Remission : But these are notorious, and the Effects of them extensive. And these alone make the Prospect of finding other Diminutions and