

the same circumstances, the poor are starving, and a Bill is brought into their Parliament for prohibiting for a time Distilling; and I see, by a laudable exertion of the Volunteers in the West of Ireland in suppressing illicit distillation, oatmeal, the staff of life of that country, is mentioned in the Papers to have fallen from 16s. to 13s. 6d. the hundred weight.

The bread of the poor is a consideration to which every other should give way. If this cannot be had in plenty, and at a reasonable price, tumult, dejection, and depopulation ensue. In the present state and consumption of corn by Distillation in this Kingdom, I apprehend bread will not be cheap in the most fruitful years; and in others it will be greatly too dear for the poor to purchase it in a quantity adequate to their necessity. And hence there will be a necessity often to suspend distilling altogether, which loads this part of our Revenues in their

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