

" of the mouth, under yeomen of the mouth, grooms, grooms  
 " children, pastry-yeomen, harbingers, harbingers yeomen,  
 " keepers of ice houses, cart-takers, cart-takers grooms, bell-  
 " ringers, cock and-cryer, table-deckers, water engine turners,  
 " cistern cleaners, keeper of fire-buckets, and a thousand or  
 " two more of the same kind, which if I were to set down, I  
 " know not who would take the trouble of reading them over.  
 " Will any man say, and keep his countenance, that one in one  
 " hundred of these hangers-on is of any real use?—Cannot our  
 " King have a poached egg for his supper, unless he keeps a  
 " purveyor of eggs, and his clerks, and his clerk's deputy-  
 " clerks, at an expence of *gool.* a year? while the nation is  
 " sinking in a bottomless ocean of debt? Again, who are they,  
 " the yeomen of the mouth? and who are the under-yeomen  
 " of the mouth? What is their business? What is it  
 " to yeoman a King's mouth? What is the necessity for a  
 " cofferer, where there is a treasurer? And, where there is  
 " a cofferer, what occasion for a deputy-cofferer? Why a  
 " necessary-house keeper? cannot a King have a water-closet,  
 " *and keep the key of it in his own pocket?* And my little cock  
 " and cryer, what can be his post? Does he come under the  
 " King's chamber window, and call the hour, mimicking the  
 " crowing of the cock? This might be of use before clocks  
 " and watches, especially repeaters, were invented; but seems  
 " as superfluous now, as the deliverer of greens, the coffee-  
 " women, spicery men's assistant-clerks, the kitchen-comptrol-  
 " ler's first clerks and junior clerks, the groom's children, the  
 " harbinger's yeomen, &c. Does the maintaining such a mul-  
 " titude of idlers suit the present state of our finances? When  
 " will frugality be necessary, if not now? Queen Anne gave  
 " an hundred thousand pounds a year to the public service\*.  
 " We pay debts on the civil list of six hundred thousand pounds  
 " in one article, *without asking how there comes to be a def-*  
 " *ciency†.*"

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\* The reader is already acquainted with the progress and termination of this act of royal munificence.

† Political Disquisitions, vol. ii. p. 128.