

the K. of P——a, under the encouragement of France, was threatening to invade the E——te. We looked over all the other parts of Europe in vain ; and sent to the farthest North, and agreed to give five hundred thousand pounds to the court of Russia, to march fifty-five thousand men into P——a, in order to find that Prince employment at home. We afterwards perceived, that this Russian diversion, which was to march through Poland, would be ineffectual: what then was to be done ? That was the only resource which B——n had for defending it ; and that failed. We were then forced to see our inability ; and by renouncing our treaty with Russia, and giving up our old allies, were made to buy off an evil, which we could not repell. And being thus brought into a state of dependence upon a single ally, he knew how to improve it from one step to another, till we are at length reduced to an appearance at least of being tributaries to a K. of P——a.

Here, perhaps, a generous English breast may revolt against the expression, and disdain to own, that the money we pay to P——a, is a tribute. He is our ally, and we pay him a subsidy, but not a tribute. Let us consider then the nature of each, and what it is, which constitutes the difference between them. A subsidy is an honorable pension, given by one State to another, in consideration of services done, or benefits to be received. Thus, for instance, the five-hundred thousand pounds we were

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