

sacred barrier falls to the ground, and every man enters wild and lawless on the common of perjury.

It was the language of Mr. Pitt, in the House of Commons, (I ask pardon for the introduction of his name) when a clause was offered for a certain bill late in the last session, recommending an annual oath, or thereabouts, as necessary for the better payment of that part of the revenue it went to describe, his answer was, such a multiplication of oaths tended to destroy every public principle, promote fraud and perjury, more than any immediate benefit to the Exchequer could possibly compensate to society. I lament, sentiments equally discerning and honourable do not adorn the heart of every man.

Having served under three commanders, not less amiable in private life than eminently conspicuous on the list of professional merit, their parental precepts, their example of rectitude

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