

mission) is neither to propose, nor to accept, nor to reject laws, but to be responsible for a fourth power, which is to be employed to execute. To this jealous sovereignty, of which the annual expence and mere civil list will be at least a million sterling, * are to be added the paraphernalia of royalty without the dignity, and also the distinctions of aristocracy, both in the parade of dress and in privileges, beyond any that existed under the proscribed monarchy : We may reasonably infer, that the taste for democracy is much changed ; and yet, to crown the whole, the occasional interference of the populace, under the name of primary assemblies, is added to this incoherent system.

§ 14. It was reserved for the eighteenth century to see a great and enlightened nation, in which All, who were not shedding

* This would be the amount in specie ; if paid in assignats, it would be seventy-five million sterling.

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