

in the Crown, to contrive by laws, and every other method, to prevent the influence of the Crown in that house. Several acts of parliament have been pass'd, to limit the number of officers, who receiv'd their places from the Crown, to have seats in the House of Commons, and one particularly during the WHIG administration of Queen Anne, which declares, that no person possess'd of an office created after such a period, should be capable of a seat in that house : and this was afterwards enforced by another of the first of George I. which was propos'd by Mr. Stanhope, Secretary of State, that restrained persons having pensions during pleasure, from sitting in the House of Commons. These laws were pass'd to be a restraint on the Crown ; they are now in force, and mean to provide for the liberty of the people, by preventing the Crown from creating a dependence upon it, in its Representatives : but, like other human institutions, they have been evaded ; when a minister shall presume to advise, in the teeth of these acts of parliament, the creation of such a number of grooms of the Bedchamber, clerks of the Green-cloth, and other officers of the Household, each with a salary of 500 l. per Annum, as to be double the number of those of his late M—— ; and when some Gentlemen have been remov'd from these employments *with pensions*, to make room for members of the House of Commons, that the law might be only