

the Money taken from the Establishment are many of them put upon Pensions; and the raising Dragoons will cost a considerable Sum in Levy Money, I cannot now compute any more than the saving which is talk'd of by taking away the Colonels and Lieutenants Colonels of *Marines*, till it shall be known, what Consideration they are to receive. Whenever it shall be thought proper to regulate the Dragoons or Foot in any Articles confirmable to former Establishments, such Reformation will be of constant Benefit to the Publick, till the Abuses are renewed, or other Innovations shall arise, because they are likely to be kept on Foot after the War: For I fear we shall never see those Times which our Forefathers have seen; when an Army in Time of Peace would have been look'd on with Amazement, would have been look'd on as an entire Dis—n of the C—n; but Circumstances are strangely altered. Many other Things have been represented as may be seen in the R—, but notwithstanding the great and undoubted Authority, upon which they have been made public, and spread thro' the Nation, what has been done? Amongst other Things, Complaints have been made of the want of Checks to prevent false Musters. But there can be no other Checks upon false Musters, but the Care of a Ministry; for let what Laws will be made against any Abuses, the Effect will be according to the Administration of those Laws, and in Proportion to the Spirit and public Zeal of those who are invested with Power. The single Power of Placing and Displacing is sufficient without particular Laws for this Purpose, and those who depend on the Favours or Frowns of Ministers will govern themselves thereby. They have indeed made one Example, and are just entitled to