

a conduct so invariably repeated. You have at least forty times heard all the arguments for a Standing Army, and they had no weight with you. You have not heard one of them now, yet you seem disposed to favour the measure.

I believe none of the reasons, that have been alledged for your former or your present conduct, because they are all reasons foreign to the point, and would come better from the mouths of your enemies. I believe you to be a most consistent body of men, unless you convince me of the contrary to-day. Let me beg of you, Sir, to consider for a moment, what will be said of you, how little dependence will be placed in your protestations, if you openly or silently approve that which you thought it honest, for so long a succession of years, to condemn with one loud united voice? You cannot be displeased, if I profess a sincere concern for your credit as a body.

Sir, no man ever changed his party without incurring some sort of disgrace. If you follow the worthy gentlemen, who have hitherto spoken, you may not change your party perhaps, but you will manifestly change your conduct, by which alone your party integrity can be discerned. You have justly assumed the title of country gentlemen, in opposition to courtiers. What title will you take next, if ever your engagements at court should permit you to go into the country?

The matter before you has distinguished you more than any other point, as it has been oftener in debate, and given you so many opportunities of displaying an