

The Profusion of publick Money so exceeds all Measure, that one would think the Conductors of our Affairs entire Strangers to that trite Maxim, that " Money is the Sinews of War." As indeed it is of every Thing else, in which last our M——rs seem to the Misfortune of their Country, to be pretty great Adepts. For Favour and Interest is purchased in every Part beginning from Places, which I will avoid naming, down, through all the Offices where the great Business is Jobs connived at by Superiors, down to the low unconscionable Dealers of *Exchange-Alley*; and still lower, if any Thing can be more so, this is the extensive Bottom, is the so much boasted broad Bottom; this the Basis of the present happy Administration. I will mention an Instance not for its Particularity but for its Newness, as the Abuse, which I believe is not older than this War with *France*, is again renewed at this Instant of my Writing. The Commissioners for managing the Lottery used to receive a hundred Pounds for their Trouble; and this was I believe a pretty ample Recompence, at least, for some of them, who never attended at all. But now their Salaries are increased to 150*l.* for which I know no Reason but that too general one amongst Placemen, *L'appetit vient à mangeant*. This perhaps will be look'd upon as a Trifle and considered by itself, I own it is of no grand Importance; but when one reflects on the Multitude of Abuses with which this Nation is over-run, the Sum Total is not only considerable but amazing, nor to be parallel'd in any other Country.

If those who receive the publick Money make light of these Affairs, I am sure the Necessities of those who pay, will not suffer them so to do. The entire List would furnish large Volumes. This now mentioned is only distinguish'd as the Abuse of the Day; almost every Day producing

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