

at first consulted. I can't, therefore, look upon this Measure in any other Light than inverting the Order of Business, and presuming too much on the Pliability of Parliament. It is, however, far from my Intentions to dispute the Power of the King's Prerogative on this Occasion ; but I have always been of Opinion, that this Power was vested in the Crown when we had fewer Regular Forces than we have at present, with no other View than as a Provision against any Emergency which might happen, the Senate not sitting ; in short, that it was given for the Protection, not the Oppression, of the Subject. But the new-raised Regiments are so far from giving any additional Strength, that they are a Weakness to the Army, the old Corps being proportionably