

of such a nature, as to make his assistance necessary ; but his estate at that time did but barely qualify him to hold a seat in the house of commons. His friends procured him a commission in the army, and he was appointed a cornet of horse, which post he held, till having in 1737 supported a motion in the house of commons for augmenting the Prince of Wales's salary, he was dismissed ; or, as he himself hath termed it, " corruption stood so low " as to take the standard out of the hands of a " cornet." Being divested of public pay, he virtuously circumscribed his expences within the limits of his income ; for being descended from a good family, and allied to several noble ones, he thought it incumbent to preserve the lustre derived from both. In private he was frugal, temperate, honest, sincere and benevolent ; he held luxury and parade in contempt, and he set himself in opposition to the degenerate manners of the times. In public, where is to be found his more substantial praise, he was naturally free, brave and uncorrupt, distinguished by his regard for religion, honour, and his country. ---If it should be asked, how can such a man have enemies ? it will be answered, the honest and well-meaning part of the nation are not his enemies : he is only obnoxious to certain callous hearts, who cannot withstand the force of truth. His spirit and abilities engaged him to revenge the unconstitutional insult offered to the liberties of his country, through his person. In those corrupt and dastardly times he stood up with the few that were inspired by virtue, and poured forth such torrents of eloquence and patriotism, as struck dumb the tongues of those *instrumenta regni*, those tools of state, who had engaged to oppose the genius of Britain. By such powers having rendered himself particular and remarkable, it was considered and advised as a prudent measure,

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