

sincere Intention to promote it, and yet have, in Experience, proved hurtful to it ; so that those who made them were obliged to repeal them ? Perhaps if all the Laws on the Subject were enumerated, it might be shewn that the greater Part are prejudicial. All the exclusive Rights of Corporations, and Monopolies of private Companies, if they were necessary or useful at the Beginning, have long ceased to be so, and yet many of them still continue. They must also probably continue for Ages yet to come : such is the Spirit of the People. He would be a bad Minister ; nay, it would be a bold Parliament, that should attempt to lay them open. There is nothing that appears to me more clear, than that the Restrictions we have laid our Sister Kingdom of Ireland under, are prejudicial to ourselves ; and yet I would not be the Man who should propose to take them off in an English House of Commons.

Have not most Laws been made to satisfy the interested Demands of particular