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SIR A. T. GALT.—The remarks I made of that kind referred to the spending departments. Far be it from me to make any reproach to the hon. gentleman; I merely spoke of him as the mouth piece of the Government.

SIR FRANCIS HINCKS—The Finance Minister is in the unfortunate position of having very little to do with the spending of the money for which he has to ask the House. The hon. gentleman referred particularly to the Militia department. All I can say in reference to that is this: that although there is an increase over the revised estimate of last year, yet it is to be recollected that every effort was made at that time as the revenue was falling short, to keep down the expenditure; and the only way of further reducing the expenditure was by not doing things that ought to be done. (Hear, hear.)

