

the people.—Whatever should be raised, as an extraordinary aid, for the service of the year, in time of war, might be paid by the county collectors, to the Bank, in the name of a Committee to be appointed by the counties, and issued from thence by their orders, on proper requisitions, to the Treasury, from time to time, under such regulations, as might be devised.

Though it seems absolutely necessary, that the executive power, should be entrusted, with the disbursement of the public money, that the public service may not be obstructed; yet this, is perfectly consistent, with the most strict examination, of the accounts of the disbursements, made by every public office. In former times, it was thought sufficient, that Parliament might call for, and inspect, every account of public money; but experience has shewn, that this is a very imperfect control. The labour and difficulty of such an investigation, is sufficient, to damp the zeal of independent Members of Parliament; and though there are officers, appointed for the control of public accounts, yet as these controllers are named by the executive power, they certainly cannot be considered, as proper checks. It would therefore be expedient, upon occasion of an extraordinary aid of this sort, that some persons were selected, for the business, annually, as a Committee, and named by the counties, with power to call for persons, accounts, and vouchers, to take evidence upon oath, and to make their report annually to Parliament, before any new money is voted.