

upon this point, for what gentleman in private life, would presume to send for the servant of another, and demand attendance for his purposes, without leave from the master.

The Legislative Council to the astonishment of all, after having passed strong and highly constitutional resolutions upon the subject of this marked usurpation and disrespect, then retracted, in so far as to submit thereto, by permitting their clerks to go to the bar of the assembly under the salvo of a protest or entry on their journals, which was communicated to the assembly, that such permission was given, *solely* on account of *the then danger of the country*, and not to be drawn into precedent.

Little do those know of the human mind who are unaware of the danger of a first concession of a point of right to a popular body :—No, salvo can guard against its baneful effects.—Such a concession necessarily produces the necessity of more and greater concessions, whilst finally a stand must be made at some point, perhaps less defensible, and certainly under disadvantages greatly increased, by the vain and absurd idea, of placing established rights in a state of abeyance, to stand over to a more convenient season.

Popular usurpations, like *an avalanche*, appears small and feeble at the outset, but increases in its course, until finally its force becomes overwhelming and irresistible.

It unhappily is a fact, that the well meaning in all countries are the most supine ; and Lord Clarendon in
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