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"I have often wished that a law were enacted to hang up half a dozen bankers every year; and thereby interpose at least some short delay to the further ruin of Ireland." SWIFT.

*Sic consulta patrum subsisteret conscriptorum,
Non aliter licitum prisco sub tempore, quam si
Tercium sensisse senes legerentur in unum.*

PRUDENTIUS.

Of old, when Rome's imperial senate sate,
The conscript fathers ne'er allow'd debate,
Nor valid was a law, that had not past
A quorum of three hundred, at the least.

KINGSTON BANK BILL, *continued.*

The act, of which an abstract appeared in last number, concludes with a proviso, that nothing therein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal any provision or enactments made and provided in the act of 14 Geo. II. cap. 37, entitled "An act for restraining and preventing several unwarrantable schemes and undertakings in His Majesty's colonies and plantations in America"

In the original draft of this bill the preamble specially recognized the above statute as in force in Canada, which, as some doubts have been entertained on the subject, (though I can not see how, the words of the act being as distinct and comprehensive as language could make them) it would have been proper to have retained. Mr. Hagerman, however, procured them to be expunged, as was also a clause prohibiting the establishment of similar institutions. If the recognition had remained, the latter clause was unnecessary, as the Statute in question is as prohibitive as possible: but there seems to be a latent desire to

* I have before contended, see Free Press No. 22; *et al.* that the provincial legislatures have, by their constitutional charter, a right to repeal any of the acts, or clauses of acts, of the British parliament, bearing upon the colonies, those only excepted that relate to the regulation of external commerce or navigation. The insertion of clauses similar to the above in provincial acts, may be considered as asserting that right, but declining the exercise of it in the instance in question.