

counter-balanced by the inconveniences with which such a method of proceeding would be attended: for it would be the occasion of infinite delays, and would put it in the power of every individual representative to stop the resolutions of all the rest, under pretence of waiting for instructions from his constituents; so that on the most pressing emergencies it might happen that the exertion of the whole national force might be prevented by the caprice and obstinacy of only one man.

XXVI. When the representatives of the people, says Mr. Algernoon Sidney very truly, are chosen to represent the inhabitants of a whole separate and independant province that is united with other provinces only by a confederacy, (as is the case with the seven united provinces of Holland,) they ought to give a particular account of every thing that occurs in their deliberations to their constituents, and take their instructions how to act upon the occasion. But it is otherwise when they are deputed by the inhabitants of different towns, or small districts in the country, which are all parts of one and the same intire state, as is the case in England.

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