

She can govern them without representatives ; and therefore they are not to expect to be indulged in such ambitious requests. May not, in like manner, the East India company, with a good grace, demand representation, in proportion to the large revenue they advance to the public, on account of the extensive territorial jurisdiction they possess in Asia, under the protection of Great Britain ? In a word, if representatives be admitted from the colonies now in rebellion, is there any reason or justice in denying them to any part of the British dominions which now can, or which hereafter may, furnish as good a claim to that privilege as these colonies ?

What are the probable consequences of such innovations ? The house of commons will resemble a tumultuary Polish diet, or a seditious assembly of the people of Rome. That house, perhaps, is already too numerous to discuss with advantage the business it has to execute ; and a great part of such a large body of men can scarcely be supposed to attend to that business. A wide field is displayed for the operations of faction and intrigue, by which the most salutary measures of government may be retarded or frustrated. The management and gratification of the members occupy the time of a minister, and leave him little leisure to concert or to execute plans of extensive and important service to the public. If such inconveniences exist at present, what is to be apprehended, should the House of Commons become much more numerous ? All these inconveniences may at least be supposed to be augmented in proportion. It is of little consequence to reply, that the assemblies of the people

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