

be resumed by the next Parliament. Great and happy effects will, I hope, flow from their deliberations; and certainly some good will follow, if they attach themselves to the great and capital objects by which the Revenue suffers, and, above all, to Tea; and do not distract and fritter away their attention on trifles: though I am doubtful that the Sum pretended to be lost to the Revenue by Smuggling is considerably exaggerated. A clamour once raised, without any-body whose business it is to contradict it, but on the contrary, generally exceeds the truth. It is a vulgar saying, That more mischief than ought to be is laid to the charge of even the Devil himself. The best informations I can obtain from intelligent people of good abilities, though ill employed in this pernicious traffic, do not make the Sum sent out of the Kingdom for the purchase of Commodities to be smuggled into it, to have exceeded almost in any year Twelve Hundred Thousand Pounds. But taking it for granted, as it is stated in the