

pounds, I take it from their printed journals, by which it does not appear whether the sum is to be three, or three hundred, or three thousand pounds.

Fortunately his Majesty's Council at last established their right of controul; for the exercise of which, though late, every honest man must feel indebted to them.

I said that the late Road System had been principally used as a cloak for jobbing: the former efficacy of the statute labour on the highways has been frittered and drawn away to new or convenient roads or bridges for the Commissioners' estates or houses; they diverge as the fan light sash of a gentleman's hall, from the centre of the base in all directions, and would direct a stranger to find the place from whence they sprang. The school money is jobbed, £50 annually, I have been told, was paid at John a Groat's house (Prince Town) for teaching grammar to one boy, the Speaker's nephew. We heard about fisheries, but what encouragement was held out, even at this beautiful situation, if a wharf had been built? If the fees of the settlers' grants had been remitted it might have shown something like an intention of offering encouragement.

The new paper currency, as I intimated, was in my opinion of the very most pernicious tendency, the moment it is known that a bank in England exceeds the certain means of punctually paying its pecuniary engagements, from that moment its credit and consequent capital must decrease. In March next our Treasury notes were to be paid, according to the construction which a superficial reader of the Treasury note bill might be inclined to attach to it. Our cash had vanished, and I asked from what funds were the means of payment to arise; it depended upon the solvency of the debtors to Government; *long coated mushroom gentlemen,*