

office, by getting into the House of Commons; and the great Lords, finding they cannot obtain a comfortable provision for their relations, by sending them into Parliament, will probably give up the idea of maintaining an influence there, and *sell their seats to the best bidder*. These *bidders* will probably be the plunderers of the East, and the spend-thrifts of the West, who seek a screen for their speculation, or protection for their persons; General Officers, without regiments, who calculate upon obtaining them during the time of the Parliament, and so to lay their money well out; Lieutenant Colonels, who seek promotion; and Naval Officers, who wish to enjoy the fortunes they have made without more fighting; or such as expect profitable commands in case of a war, or lucrative stations in times of peace. These, with masqued contractors and subscription-seekers, will make up the great body of the Commons; and it will be no wonder to find the ancient country Gentlemen of large estates eager to leave such company, and become Peers. But what will then become of the dignity and independence of the House of Commons? and where are we to look for
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