

lately your favourite scheme. Many of you have taken commissions. I myself have undergone some fatiguing campaigns, or camps at least, to give countenance to this constitutional defence of our country."

The chairman here interrupted Mr. Mayor, begging him to keep to the point, from which he was deviating by the mention of the Militia; and at the same time begging him not to speak so loud, lest their consultation should be over-heard. Mr. Mayor proceeded.

"Sir, I value not who hears me, and as to departing from the point, I don't understand this new rule of debating. I will submit to no rule, Mr. Chairman, which interferes with my liberty of speech.

The Militia, I say, was thought by you a more frugal and constitutional measure, than a Standing Army; and that it has been as effectual for the security of the kingdom, you all know, and boasted of it; and have heard it acknowledged from the throne. Have you forgot, that the Militia was designed more for peace, than for war? It was not to go out of the kingdom, and for what purpose was it established in the kingdom, but for your defence? What signifies your peace, if you are afraid of an enemy's invasion, who did not invade you in time of war?

I approved of any number of forces whilst we had an enemy. I am not ashamed to say, I approved of the German war. I am sure, you would not have had even this peace without it. Sir, it was prince Ferdinand,