

existed; and Mr. Stedman further implies, that owing to his carrying into execution the orders of Lord Cornwallis, it had been stopped. Mr. Stedman points out the great advantage arising to the Army and the Public from these orders of Lord Cornwallis, as the Commissioners of Public Accounts had done before, in their Seventh Report on Expenditures, wherein they ascribe to the orders of Lord Cornwallis, of the 23d December, 1780, the merit of having struck at abuses, which, say those Gentlemen, *did actually exist* when his Lordship issued those orders. Sir H. Clinton has already, in a Letter to those Gentlemen, written and published in 1784, (a copy of which was then delivered to Lord Cornwallis) explained this whole business fully, and proved, *first*, that those Gentlemen had made their Seventh Report on *ex parte* information, when they might have had his, and those of certain Officers of the different departments, who had actually announced themselves to the Board before they delivered in their Seventh Report; that they had not availed themselves of authentic information and Sir H. Clinton's correspondence with the Treasury, both of which had been recommended to them by Mr. Robinson, and by order of the Lords of the Treasury; that they had passed an implied censure on Sir H. Clinton of negligence in the expenditure, and had given a merit to Lord Cornwallis that did not belong to his Lordship, but to Sir Henry Clinton: and, finally, that Letter proves, that there would have been no necessity for Lord Cornwallis's order of the 23d December, 1780, if his Lordship had paid proper attention to those of Sir Henry Clinton of many months prior date, and of which his Lordship could not be ignorant, as his Lordship was, at the time Sir H. Clinton issued these orders, in the same camp with him. But as Mr. Stedman chooses again to resume this subject, and to ascribe the merit of the economical system to Lord Cornwallis, as Sir H. Clinton's letter to the Commissioners of Public Accounts did not (Sir H. Clinton apprehends) circulate so generally as Sir H. Clinton hoped and intended