

“ as instead of a Lord-Tr——r, to have 5 Lords
 “ of the Tr——ry; instead of a Lord-Ad——l,
 “ to have 7 Lords of the Ad——ty; to have 7
 “ Commissioners of the C——ms, 9 of the
 “ Ex——se, 14 of the N——vy-Office, 10 of the
 “ St——mp-Office, 8 of the Pr——ze-Office, 16
 “ of the Commissioners of Tr——de, 2 of the
 “ P——st-Office, 4 of the Transports, 4 for
 “ Hackney-Coaches, 4 for Wine-Licences, 4 for
 “ the Victualling-Office, and multitudes of other
 “ Offices which are endless to enumerate.—I see
 “ no Reason why they may not be made twice as
 “ many, and so *ad infinitum*, unless the Number be
 “ ascertained by Parliament; and what Danger this
 “ may be to our Constitution, I think of with
 “ Horror. For if in Ages to come they should be
 “ all given to Parliament-Men, what will become
 “ of our so much boasted Liberty? What shall be
 “ done when the Criminal becomes the Judge, and
 “ the Malefactors are left to try themselves? We
 “ may be sure their common Danger will unite
 “ them, and they will stand by one another. I
 “ do not speak this by Guess; for I have read of
 “ a Country, where there was a constant Series of
 “ Mismanagement for many Years together, and
 “ yet no-Body was punished: and even in our own
 “ Country, I believe some Men now alive can re-
 “ member the Time, when, if the King had but
 “ 20 more Places in his Disposal, or disposed of
 “ those he had to the best Advantage, the Liberty
 “ of *England* had been at an End.”

Thus does that Author, no less a Whig than Mr.
Trenchard, represent the Danger which threatened
 the Constitution from the multitude of gainful Of-
 fices in his Time, and the Disposal thereof, so as
 to influence a Parliament. Whether the Evil he
 complains of is since lessened, or the Dangers he
 apprehended removed, the World can easily judge.