

neral Disgust against this Bill ? Not one of the Minority ; but a noble Person whose high Rank and Distinction do the Ministry great Honour, and on whose Abilities they greatly rely. Some of the Minority might perhaps say, “ It was foreign to the original Intent of *their* Resolution, which was to vindicate the Privilege of the House, and *that* was not to be done by a Bill :

—— That they wished to put an end to an abusive Exercise of Power, in a Case wherein no such Power was wanted ; but not to interfere with any other Power of the Secretary of State's Office :——

They knew the Absurdity of limiting its *necessary* Power by any Rules of Law :——

They saw the Danger of giving the Sanction of Law to Powers that are never to be endured, but in Cases of Exigency ; in which they *are* and ever *will be* justified.”

But so far was the Minority from putting even a Negative upon this Bill, that most of them went away with a Notion it was to come in :—— They were surprised, when they heard Sir J. Philipps had withdrawn his Motion.