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But the Gentleman concerned pays 40 l. per Annum for the Duties and their Confequences, yet the Original Duty to the King was no more than		0	0
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I HAVE here allowed one third for collecting; and whoever confiders the vast Expence which the Government is at, especially in the Salt and Customs, will be apt to conclude, that I have not allowed enough. As there is a Draw-back upon all Salt exported, and Salt for the Use of the Fisheries; therefore it is necessary to have Salt Officers in all the Ports and Creeks of the Kingdom, to prevent Frauds and Impositions upon this Account. An amazing Expence, which this amounts to. And as to the Customs; there is not one Port in ten (except

Commodities is increased to a prodigious imaginary Value. It is therefore no longer to be wondered at, That a Pair of Shoes, which doth not pay four Pence Duty to the King, is yet enhanced a Shilling, or more in the Price, fince the Duty laid upon Leather, and other the like Necessaries of Life.—Whereas no such thing can happen according to the Nature of the Scheme here recommended: All Necessaries of Life, being Duty-free, and without Advances of any kind.