

And is not the same Policy as requisite to a Minister who undertakes to plan for the Public during a Time of War, without which he is liable to involve the Nation in an Expence which may sooner or later prove its irretrievable Ruin? Great Schemes of Oeconomy, I am sensible, were very much talked of in the Beginning; But in what did these fair Promises end? The Reformation which was begun extended only to the Wine-Office, where the Commissioners had their Salaries allowed them during Life, with an Addition of as much more as their Perquisites amounted to; so that the Public, instead of being eased in that Particular, was more heavily loaded; and all that she gained by it was a Kind of Reversion of those Places, in case they should not happen in future to be re-established.

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