

properties of the people : but whatever be the designs of the parties, the injurious effects of the curtailments of the influence of the Crown already begin to shew themselves, and call for immediate remedy. A long course of parliamentary proceedings having decided against the Lords' interfering in the grant of money to the Crown, the Members of that House have had no other way of preserving their own importance on those occasions, than by placing in the House of Commons the younger branches of their families, and for whom the public Boards offered offices suitable to their rank and talents ; and it is very remarkable that almost all the great ministers this country ever produced were younger brothers ; and these gentlemen, at the same time they maintained the balance against the prevailing power of the democracy, by preserving the influence of the Lords, gave effectual support to the King's measures, and were a creditable connection for his Minister. The abolition of the Board of Trade, Board of Green Cloth, and Board of Police, with so many of the other appendages of the Court, has deprived these gentlemen of the expectation of obtaining office,

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