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I ADD alfo, what I conceive the Author has omitted, That the highest Article which any Man enters, gives the Lead to all the reft; fo that he is to pay for each of the fucceeding the fame which he pays for the first. If a Perfon enters a Coach and Six, and pays Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, according to the Rates in the Table, he is to pay the fame Sum for every other Article he enters. And there are the following weighty Reasons for it: First, That by fo doing, this Scheme becomes the most excellent *fumptuary* Law, that ever was devifed : And fecondly, That it is just and reasonable each Person should pay in Proportion to what he Uses of any Commodity: Now the most probable Grounds we can go upon (for the Affair will not admit of Certainty and Demonstration) is, That Perfons in general live in Proportion to the Figure they A Perfon, who keeps a Coach and make. Six, is supposed to have more Wine drank in his Family than one who keeps only a fingle Chariot, and to use a greater Quantity in Proportion of every other Article, which he enters; and therefore in all Reafon and Justice, he should pay the more.

THE next Article that he propofes is, "That Hufbands fhould pay for their Wives "the one Fourth of the Article they pay for "themfelves, to entitle them to Ufe the X "fame;

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