

R E P O R T.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to inquire into the MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS and Expenditure in the Colonies and Dependencies of The Crown, and who were empowered to report their Opinion thereupon, together with the MINUTES of the EVIDENCE taken before them, to The House ;—HAVE agreed to the following REPORT.

YOUR Committee have examined into the Military Establishments and Expenditure of the Colonies of Gibraltar, Malta, the Ionian Islands, the Western Coast of Africa, the Cape of Good Hope, and the Island of Ceylon ; and have agreed to submit to The House the following Resolutions, together with the Evidence on which they are founded :

1. *Resolved*, THAT it is not the Intention of this Committee, by any suggestion which it may offer as to the Amount of Force deemed to be sufficient for the Garrison of any Colony in time of Peace, to relieve the Executive Government from the Duty which constitutionally belongs to it, of providing, on the responsibility of the King's Ministers, a Force sufficient for the Security of His Majesty's Possessions abroad, which Experience has proved is liable to vary in time of Peace, according to several contingencies arising out of internal or external causes.

2. *Resolved*, THAT the Committee are of Opinion, That the strictest Economy should be observed in every branch of the Military Expenditure of the Colonies ; and that any surplus Revenue that may remain after defraying their Civil Expenses, should, in accordance with the Regulations which have been adopted by the Ordnance and Colonial Departments, be applied to the payment of their Military Charges.

3. *Resolved*, THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, That it is not expedient to make any Reduction in the Numbers of the Garrison of Gibraltar.

4. *Resolved*, THAT it is unnecessary to retain the two Offices of Governor and Lieutenant-governor of Gibraltar ; and that the Committee therefore approve of the arrangement which they understand to have been made by His Majesty's Government, for prospectively abolishing one of those Offices.