

to the then next in Desert; for as at first obtaining those commissions should depend on their behaviour in that House, so ought their continuance in their offices to depend on their behaviour under their commissions, that neither his Lordship nor the Public may suffer by either a Negligent or oppressive discharge of their Duty.

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It may perhaps be objected; What, will you hazard his Lordships Revenues to answer the purposes of Government? to which I answer, there will be no hazard of his Lordships Revenues, for the present Farmers are of the Middling set of People of whom the Lower House is composed, nay they are now actually in the hands of the Sheriffs, of which commission there are few in the Lower House who would not accept; Besides, the Farmers must then as they do now, give good security for their faithful discharge of their Duty; You will perceive too, by this Plan the Sheriffs & Farmers commissions are to be put into different hands for the sake of Extending the Influence; And indeed, either of them with attending at the same time to his own private affairs, is full Employment for any one Man; (but with reserve ag^t alteration of the Sheriffs as aforesaid) Those two commissions with those of the Deputy Commissaries & Deputy Surveyors, I have already observed should be sacredly applyed to the purpose of stripping the Leaders in the Lower House of their followers, & never Employed to any other purpose or given to any other Person's than Members of that House or their Brothers or Sons, but when there can be found none there worthy of that favour; By three years of this course of proceeding, it would be generally understood to be the Resolution of the Government (without its being mentioned, which it might not be proper to do) to bestow those places amongst the most deserving of that House, & when it once comes to be found that getting into that House & behaving there with prudence & Moderation, is a certain & the only introduction to those Commissions, you will have People who are now very Indifferent about getting there, pushing to be chose with this very view.

The foregoing Plan supposes that these favours are to be Earned before they are obtained & indeed it is much more safe & prudent that these Gentlemen should trust to the Honour of the Government than that the Government should trust to their Gratitude; for it is known from experience, that of the Numbers who have been trusted with these places, before they have done any thing to deserve them, there is scarce one but what has upon quitting his office, flowen in the face of the Government.

It is highly proper too, for the execution of this plan, that the Government should have some one Person at least in that