

in that kingdom, to address his Majesty on the great increase of pensions on the *Irish* establishment, amounting to the sum of 158,685 l.----in the last two years.

ATTEMPTS have been made to gloss over these gross encroachments, by this specious argument----“ That expending a competent part of the PUBLIC REVENUE in pensions, from a principle of charity or generosity, adds to the dignity of the crown; and is *therefore* useful to the PUBLIC.” To give this argument any weight, it must appear, that the pensions proceed from “ *charity or generosity only*”----and that it “ adds to the dignity of the crown,” *to act directly contrary to law.*----

FROM this conduct towards *Ireland*, in open violation of law, we may easily foresee what *we* may expect, when a minister will have the *whole revenue* of *America* in his own hands, to be disposed of at his own pleasure: For *all* the monies raised by the late act are to be “ *applied* by virtue of warrants under the sign manual, countersigned by the high treasurer, or any three of the commissioners of the treasury.” The “ RESIDUE” indeed is to be “ paid into the receipt of the exchequer, and to be disposed of by parliament.” So that a minister will have nothing to do, but to take care, that there shall be no “ residue,” and he is superior to all controul.

BESIDES the burden of *pensions* in *Ireland*, which have enormously increased within these few years, almost all the *offices* in that poor kingdom, have been, since the commencement of the present century, and now are bestowed upon *strangers*. For tho’ the merit of persons born there, justly raises them to places of high trust when they go abroad, as all *Europe* can witness, yet he is an uncommonly lucky *Irishman*, who can get a good post in his *NATIVE country*.

WHEN I consider the * manner in which that island has been uniformly depressed for so many years past, with this pernicious particularity

* In *Charles* the Second’s time, the house of commons, influenced by some factious demagogues, were resolved to prohibit the importation of *Irish* cattle into *England*. Among other arguments in favor of *Ireland* it was insisted----“ That by cutting off almost entirely the trade between the kingdoms, ALL THE NATURAL BANDS OF UNION WERE DISSOLVED, and nothing remained to keep the *Irish* in their duty, but *force and violence*.”

“ The king (says Mr. *Hume*, in his history of *England*) was so convinced of the justness of these reasons, that he used all his interest to oppose the bill, and he openly declared, that he could not give his assent to it with a safe conscience. But the commons were resolute in their purpose.”----“ And the spirit of TYRANNY, of which NATIONS are as susceptible as INDIVIDUALS, had animated the *English* extremely TO EXERT THEIR SUPERIORITY over their dependent state. No affair could be conducted with greater violence than this by the commons. They even went so far in the preamble of the bill, as to declare the importation of *Irish* cattle to be a NUSANCE. By this expression they gave scope to their passion, and at the same time barred the king’s prerogative, by which he might think himself intitled to dispense with a law, so FULL