

exemplarily punished, if that Parliament had a little longer continued? Now there is none more implacably your Enemy, than that Person whose Interest it is to destroy you; that must neither eat nor drink except you starve; that must go in Rags except you go naked; are taught to fleece you, that they may keep themselves warm. To prevent this, avoid not only all former Pensioners, but such other as may be in danger to become so; therefore meddle not with Men of necessitous Fortunes, or much in Debt. The Representatives of a Nation, ought to consist of the most wise, wealthy, sober, and courageous of the People, not Men of mean Spirits, and little Figure, and sordid Passions, that would sell the Interest of the People that chose them, to advance their own; or be at the Beck of some great Men, in hopes of a Lift to a good Employ. Those that have fair Estates, have in a manner given Hostages to their Country, and must be Errant Fools, before they can play the Knave with you. But what cares the needy Passenger if the Ship perish, if he can but save himself in the Long-Boat, or get some Booty by the Wreck? What Protection can you expect from them, who cannot shew their Faces with confidence without a Protection, either in or out of Parliament? Who are no less apprehensive of a Bailiff, than of the once growing Greatness of the *French*; and dread not *Popery* half so much as an *Outlawry*? Will you secure them within the Walls of the House of Commons, who were secured within the Walls of a common Gaol? Who can never pay their Debts contracted by their Prodigality, but out of your Purfes; and must run you in, to get themselves out of their Mortgages? These Mens Fear of being dissolved, makes them submit to any thing, rather than be left to the unmerciful Rage of their hungry