

that through fear of the fine, they might avoid being inrolled, as they were then obliged to do neither the one or the other. The same spirit of Legislation prevailed with respect to their bearing arms and their Gymnastic exercises; for the Poor are excused, if they have no arms, but the Rich are fined; the same method takes place if they do not attend their Gymnastic exercises, there is no penalty on one, but there is on the other: the consequence of which is, that the fear of this penalty induces the Rich to keep the one, and attend the other, while the Poor do neither. These are the deceitful contrivances of Oligarchical Legislators. The contrary prevails in a Democracy; for there they make the Poor a proper allowance for attending the assemblies and the courts, but give the Rich nothing for doing it: whence it is evident, that if any one would properly blend these Customs together, they must extend both the pay, and the fine, to every member of the Community, and then every one would share in it, whereas part only now do. The Citizens of a Free State ought to consist of those only who bear arms: with respect to their Census it is not easy to determine exactly what it ought to be, but the rule that should direct upon this subject should be, to make it as extensive as possible, so that those who are inrolled in it make up a greater part of the people than