

The Customs

Park Place St. James'
10th Dec^r 1782.

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Sir W. Mordaunt Bart.

Enclosed I have the honour to send your Lordship the Lists of Useless and Sine-cure Offices, with the places of the Abodes of such of them, as have thought proper to inform the Secretary to the Board of Customs where they are to be found, in Case they sho^d. be wanted for the publick Service.

And in perusing these Lists I am persuaded that it will not escape your Lordships Observation.

1.^{thly} That very few of these Employments, (Exceeding £200 W^o. Annum,) have been given to any persons for their Support of Government, but have rather been bestowed upon the Relations, Friends, and Dependants of the Ministers for the time being, (many of them Children at the time of their Appointment,) as will Appear by an extract of a few of them on the Back hereof.

2.^{thly} That even those, who obtained ^{them} by real Services, know that their patents cannot be vacated at pleasure, but only by a tedious and Expensive process at Law ^{upon proof of Misfeasance} consequently that they are entirely independant, and many of them have engaged warmly in Opposition to his Majestys Measures at Different times as may be instanced by the D. of Manchester and others.

3.^{thly} That most of these patent Officers have many Deputies under their own Appointment - for Example the Customes of Plymouth provides his own Substitutes, not only at that place, but also at Padstow, St. Ives, Penzance, Helford, ^{Truro}

I have the Honour to remain with the greatest
 respect My Lord your most Obedient and
 most Humble Servant
 W. Musgrave

An Extract from the Lists. of Useless & Ine-Cure Offices
 Marked A. & B.

Collector outwards for two Lives	Geo: D. of Manchester	1500
Collector inwards B. under this grant of the late M ^r . Mann had left a daughter of two years do shows? have been the collector to receive two Million and an half Annually	Robert Mann and his Heirs in trust for the Lives of the late L ^d . Walpole and Sir Edw ^d . Walpole in reversion to M ^r . Jenkinson	1500
Searcher	Charles Churchill	600
Comptroller	Wen: D. of Newcastle in Reversion to L ^d . Guilford and his Heirs for the Lives of M ^r s North	1500
Surveyor Gen ^l	Thomas La Pelham	950
Customer of Chester	John Pelham	700
Searcher	Henry Shelly	600
Customer of Milford	James Piggot	350
Usher in the Long Room	William Vary	600
Comptroller of Southampton	Robert Stannard of Custon Suffolk	200
Surveyor of London	Henry S. Stawell	800
Inspector of Excheq ^r . Books	Heneage Legge	220
Register of Warrants	Do	250
Chief Searcher London	William Legge	400
Searcher G ^o	Jos ^{ph} . North	600
Comptroller of Chester	Sir John Burgoyne in the Army	450
Customer of Cardiffe	John Osborne Colonel in the Militia	200
Customer of Newcastle	Richard Williams in the Army	400
Comptroller of Customs on Wool	Richard Williams	100
Searcher of Chester	Jeremiah Robinson	700
Inspector of Prosecutions	William Poyntz in Reversion to M ^r . Robinson & M ^r . Nettle	3000
Customer of Southampton	William Brummell	430
Register of Seizures	Bryan Broughton	320