

Government, and they are unanimously of opinion that, under existing circumstances, its exercise ought immediately to be discontinued. If the remuneration derivable from two offices, held conjointly, is more than ought to be received by one public officer, the circumstance should be brought under the notice of your House, and the case be left for your decision. Whatever the condition may be, it ought, in the absence of any change of circumstances, or other special reasons considered to by the Executive Government. Your Committee cannot but feel that anything like a systematic departure from this rule would constitute an undue interference on the part of the Executive Government with that exclusive direction and control of the public expenditure which is the especial duty and privilege of the representatives of the people.

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