

Roman Consuls; each being his Year by turns the *Advoyer* in Office. After them there are the four *Bannerets*, who answer to the Tribunes of the People in *Rome*: then come the two *Bursars* or Treasurers, one for the ancient *German* Territory, the other for the *French* Territory or the Country of *Vaud*, and the two last, chosen of the Twenty five, are called the *Secrets*; for to them all *Secrets* relating to the State are discovered: and they have an Authority of calling the Two hundred together when they think fit, and of accusing those of the Magistracy, the *Advoyers* themselves not excepted, as they see cause; tho' this falls out seldom.

There are seventy two *Bailiages*, into which the whole Canton of *Bern* is divided, and in every one of those there is a *Bailiff* named by the Council of Two hundred, who must be a Citizen of *Bern*, and one of the Two hundred, to which Council no man can be chosen till he is married. These *Bailiages* are Employments both of Honour and Profit; for the *Bailiff* is the Governour and Judge in that Jurisdiction: since tho' he has some *Assessors* who are chosen out of the *Bailiage*, yet he may by his Authority carry matters which way he will, against all their Opinions: and the *Bailiffs* have all the *Confiscations* and *Fines*; so that *Drinking* being so common in the Country, and that producing many *Quarrels*, the *Bailiff* makes his advantage of all those disorders: and in the six years of his Government according to the quality of his *Bailiage*, he not only lives by it, but will carry perhaps twenty thousand *Crowns* with him back to *Bern*; on which he lives till he can carry another *Bailiage*; for one is capable of being twice *Bailiff*: but tho' some have been thrice *Bailiffs*, this is very extraordinary. The *Exactions* of the *Bailiff* are the only *Impositions* or *Charges* to which the *Inhabitants* are subjected; and these falling only on the *Irregularities* and *Disorders* of the more debauched, makes that this *Grievance*, tho' in some particular Cases it presses hard, yet is not so universally