

amongst the corrupt may, at some time, cast the balance on the popular side; but the power of suspension is a more compleat auxiliary to a wicked administration. The constituent has no power of substitution, and the deserters of tyranny would find no opposition to unite with. Let Hortensius be also cautious, how he asserts the power of punishing for *constructive contempts*. There may come a time, when the *crime*, the *offender*, and the *punishment* may be all made at once;—when men, equally guilty, may escape, and others, entirely innocent, may be included in a condemnation, not from *mistake* but from *partiality*. The powers of the English House of Commons would never have become formidable, had they not grown in better times, under the inattentive eye of public confidence. Good men, inflamed by public injuries, may overlook a danger, whilst they are revenging an insult; but they will hardly thank an advocate, who ascribes to them his own indiscretion; who thinks their hours of reflection are not hours of caution and sagacity; who lays down a momentary indiscretion as a fixed principle, as the considered sentiment of their minds, or as the rule of their conduct.

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