

those breaches, to wish a solemn authoritative inquiry how that spirit came to predominate which has essentially violated the most important article of the *Act of Settlement*; what councils have tended to weaken and impoverish the kingdom by domestic corruption; and to what end that corruption; what practices have madly wasted the wealth, and blood of the nation; especially in bringing another war upon her hands, as to which she had nothing so well to do as to keep clear of it; how that capitulation at Closter-Seven so devoutly to have been wished by Great Britain came to be broke, and why the neutrality offered to Hanover was rejected; and this retrospect to be made without any malignity towards particular delinquents, but purely to apply the best remedies that cool determinate wisdom may suggest against the pernicious consequences of past measures to the welfare of this country, and to prevent the like in future; if, in short, to wish that that management of affairs, and that only, may take place, which shall be big with the greatest good to this great, this worthy, this respectable, this generous, and much deceived nation, be a crime, it is at the

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