

powers, but we consider it as a combination of different orders of men, the nature of each of which is, and always has been, to pursue a particular interest, and if uncontrouled, to usurp upon every other. In the distribution of power, the House of Commons has so much, that without the controul I have mentioned, it could not be kept within what the other branches of the legislature think its proper limits.

Had we neither King nor Lords in the nation, and were there no desire in any of the Commons to rise to either of these stations, or, to lord it over his fellows, the whole legislative power might, without any inconvenience, be lodged in the House of Commons. They could never carry matters to excess. The temper of the people would infallibly determine that
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