

had sat half its natural time—Writs have lately been issued for calling a third one—And I cannot help thinking, Gentlemen, that the sudden dissolution of the late House without any directions from Home, without, in short, any visible or apparent reason for it, ought to excite in all your minds the most serious reflections, and render you on this occasion extremely cautious and circumspect in the choice of your Representatives, whom you are going to intrust for a certain number of years with the guardianship of your Rights, Liberties, Property and Privileges, both civil and religious.—If there have been no orders for it from home, as manifestly appears to be the case, if there is no ostensible reason assigned for it in His Excellency's Proclamation, if none can be drawn for it from the Act you have now heard read, every Man of you must naturally be led to ask himself this question; for what purpose or purposes then has it been dissolved?—Intimately acquainted with the conduct of that House and the differences in matters of opinion that arose between it and the other, I feel myself at no loss to understand the real motives of those, who advised its dissolution.—I must leave you however, on this subject, to form an opinion for yourselves. The mentioning of a few incontrovertible facts may nevertheless enable you to form one with more accuracy, than perhaps you otherwise might do. But before I mention them I will just advert to an observation, which I understand has been made, though it is hardly deserving of notice or attention. It is this—That a House constituted like the last one could not legally sit
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