

urged in the solicitation of candid hearing, in the beseeching that no premature distrust or disaffection alienate your goodwill and attention, or induce this honourable house to forego their cool and better judgement: it is to their judgement, Sir, that I shall appeal. *I am no orator, as Brutus is*; I cannot call on your passions for a benevolence to my situation: Is it dangerous? I am proud of it;—Is it invidious? I am not less so. To speak honestly and usefully on this solemn occasion is my sole wish, and I hazard ill-will from my country, freely as I would brave perils for her;—I self-devote my character, as being to her service! under the weight of general displeasure. It is that heart-felt sentiment which is the reward of those who act for her honour and interest; that is to repay me for the loss of public estimation:—Is the loss of life a sacrifice? Indeed, Sir, I feel the temper of the house—I perceive its repugnancy to the admission of such reasoning as may militate against the specious, and (I dare allow) honestly conceived reform, which
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