

tual contention might be dropped or be settled ; but the pride of a prince, the resentment of a favourite, the rapaciousness of a minister, the violence of a faction or any other equally trifling and insignificant cause will ever be sufficient to kindle again the same flame: unless we can for a check and a controul in such cases rely upon the independence and the steadiness of our representatives. The two bodies of our people will at their own choice never wage war with each other and imbrue their hands in the blood of their brethren: their interests are too much united and their mutual affection is overwell founded ; but what is the caprice of a single person governed by his passions and having perhaps his head turned with an opinion of his power more to be depended on, than a weather-cock moved with the wind? The circumstance is very little different of a few men; whose actions and whose motions all refer to those of one. The proper redress for this is an equal representation; give me leave to repeat; that it is our original and our fundamental right. It might have been most happy for our empire in general and for Britain in particular; if a demand of this  
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