

Or, Was it to please the — ? That indeed will silence all Opposition to the Measure, but still will not exempt those, who submitted to a superior Judgment, from the Suspicion of doing it upon the mean Motive of preserving their Power. — Or, Was it to court the People? There is not a more dangerous Member of the Community than the Minister who courts Popularity. The very Word *Ambition* is derived from unwarrantable Practices of that Sort among the *Romans*. No Man ever courted the People, but with a View to undo them. The same Temper of Mind, which in private Life is Benevolence, when exerted towards the Nation, is Treason. The honest disinterested Man seeks nothing but strict Justice, and is indifferent to the Opinion of the World. — Or lastly, Was it for the Good of the Nation, that *Cape-Breton* remains with us? This indeed seems a laudable Motive ; to *take* and *bold* should be for the public Good. But in the first Place, we are not sure, that it is for the Good of the Nation ; and in the next, if it were, yet it is not Uprightness in our M——rs to keep it. It has been mentioned already what we send thither, and what we may receive in Return. But there is
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