

assassinations, and civil wars, and, after a few paroxysms, terminated in despotism.

What power will prevent Great Britain from sharing a similar fate in similar circumstances, with the republic of Rome? Factionous and ambitious leaders are to be found in modern times, as well as in those of antiquity. The members from the colonies may be attached to such men, or dependent on them. Party-spirit may blind their understandings, or corruption may procure their suffrages. Their fortunes will not be so independent, nor their sentiments perhaps, so liberal as those of most of the representatives from this island; and men of this disposition are half disposed to the purposes of faction. The House of Commons is already divided, and the junction of the new members may make either scale preponderate so much, that the consequences are to be dreaded. We have lived long in possession of much liberty: Let us be satisfied, lest, by grasping the shadow, we lose the substance.

I leave the reader to judge of the respective merits of these modes of settlement, and to determine which of them deserves to be preferred. He will probably conceive the advantages and disadvantages on both sides to be so equally balanced, and the decision so doubtful, that all parties ought to be satisfied whichever plan shall be adopted.

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