

repair. I mean, the machine of government itself, (not the administration of it), which has lost much of the spring and energy it had in former times ; witness the infamous abuse that has been suffered, the dangerous tumults that have passed unpunished, and the relaxation of the executive power, even in respect of crimes against itself. In vain has opposition, with her warning voice, and faction, with her clamorous tongue, ascribed this imbecillity to the hands who direct the machine ; for the chiefs of every party in the state have directed, in their turns, with no better success. And no wonder that it is so ; for the internal force that was sufficient to move those wheels of government, which so long guided these happy islands, and their ancient colonies, could not fail to prove too weak, when loaded with new conquests, distant as the extremities of the globe, and larger than all our former dominions. Such are the effects of unbounded pride and ambition : And such are the rebukes which the wise providence of God has contrived for the haughtiness of man.

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