

cessarily in the opening of his speech, displayed a deep sense of the invidious situation his public spirit subjected him to, not without propriety deprecated that breath of obloquy and resentment, which, from those of needy or ambitious expectancy, might blow full upon him, give his enterprise the taint of malignity, and sully the splendor of his bold and honest undertaking; his undertaking to free the spirit of our old English constitution from the unwieldy lumber of antiquated customs and modern abuses, which oppress and restrain the vigour of its law, freedom and œconomy. If in *these* times he deemed it meet to apologise for *such* a plan, and to excuse himself to the interested and powerful for encroaching on such exorbitancy of their profits and authority, as, nor the resources of the state, nor principles of our government can duly allow; if, under such circumstances, the necessity of a conciliatory exordium was any ways evident, surely under the predicament of opposing so specious, though, I trust, impolitic a scheme, much should be
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