

two parties which now divide Parliament against the other, there never was a time when the interference of the independent and unattached Members of both Houses was more necessary. These charges I shall therefore briefly state, as I have heard them urged by each party as the ground of the measures I mean to suggest for averting those calamities which both agree are impending over us. The old Whigs, as they call themselves, it is said, have been uniform in the pursuit of their plan of lowering the King's authority, by depriving the Crown of its influence, ever since their expulsion from Ministry by the Earl of Bute. The affectation of Patriotism, and a zeal for the liberty of the people, or more properly, for their own power over their Sovereign, is allowed to be fair game in every opposition; for as they receive no emoluments for their services, the breath of a multitude is as slender a diet as even courtiers could wish them to have to subsist on. But when an opposition gets into office, and the King trusts them with the exercise of his power, the farce is at an end, and, after a few awkward apologies, and a few ineffectual votes with old connections,

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