

Doctor says is at hand. The people had their full bent; the Commons took possession, not only of their own shares of the power of Government, but of the whole power of the legislature. Peasants trod on the necks of Peers; Draymen became senators; and a Brewer the sovereign. Were the natural rights of mankind secured by this? No; confiscations, fines, imprisonments, executions, and at length, the horrid crime of regicide, distinguished this bloody period of the British history. Were the people satisfied under all this? How long did they felicitate themselves on the change in the constitution? The constant struggles of their leaders for the supreme government; the perpetual fears of him who at last gained the seat of absolute power; the attempts against his life; the universal dissatisfaction expressed against him and the chiefs of the several parties then afloat; together with the universal joy which appeared at the restoration of the heir of the kingdom, and of the original constitution; plainly mark

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