

expect that a secretary of state is to be indulged with the sole guidance of the state, because there is another in all respects co-equal with you in office ; and who has the same right to claim the sole guidance. Would not this kingdom be reduced to a blessed state, were two such ministers empowered with the right of solely guiding it, and who may frequently have contradictory views ? if you have no title to the sole guidance, much less have you to that of solely dictating the measures of the kingdom. A secretary of state is the servant of the king and kingdom, and can have no possible pretext for pretending to be lord paramount of all public affairs. You forget the constitution by conceiving that you can be responsible for measures which you disavow ; because by the fourth article of the act of settlement, it is expressly declared, “ that from and after the time that the further limitation by the act shall take effect, all matters and things relative to the well-governing of this kingdom, which are properly cognizable in the privy-council, by the laws and customs of this realm, shall be transacted there ; and all resolutions taken thereupon shall be signed by such of the privy-council as shall advise and consent to the same.”

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