

often and loudly complained of by every Englishman and Hibernian, who has been disappointed of promotion during this war : I mean the striking partiality in favour of the Scotch. This object alone, one would have imagined, should have prompted you to have pursued the war at all events, till such time as you had amply and compleatly provided for all your friends, on the other side of the Tweed. I say, my Lord, from this consideration, one would have imagined, a French and Spanish war would have been the most eligible measure for the security and support of your adm——n, though additional supplies had been ever so difficult to raise, and though honourable terms of accommodation had been offered on the part of the belligerent powers. It is true *even then*, you never would have been able to gain over the four Scotch members of the opposition, but perhaps some indirect method might have been found to have softened their resentment, by providing for some of their friends and relations in the army and navy. This may indeed, my Lord, be looked upon as a great oversight in your politics, at a time you should have taken every possible step to insure your tottering power, especially amongst your fellow countrymen, whose opposition must convey a very unfavourable idea of your conduct and designs. Such mistaken policy was a sure pre-

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