

Center of Government for protection and relief, is of the utmost consequence to the security of Government, in a Country where the Inhabitants are so much dispersed. It is that political connection which forms such a Prominent Feature in the Character of all Nations ; by which we feel at first sight a degree of Friendship and Attachment which inclines us to associate with, and to serve a Subject of the same Kingdom ; which makes us look on a Person from the same Country or Province as an Acquaintance, and one from the same Town as a Relation : And it is a fact which the History of all Countries has established beyond the possibility of a Doubt, that People are now United in the Habits of Friendship and social Intercourse, and are more ready to afford mutual assistance and support, from being connected by a common Centre of Government, than by any other tie. In small states this principle is very strong ; but even in extensive Empires it retains a great deal of its Force ; for, besides the natural prejudice which inclines us to favour the People from our own Country, those who live at the extremities of an extensive Kingdom, or Province, are compelled to keep up a Connection or Correspondence with those who live near the Centre or Seat of Government, as they will necessarily at times have occasion to apply for Favours, Justice, or Right ; and they will find it convenient to request the Assistance and Support of those whose situation enables them to afford it.

I might here compare the different situation of Scotland, now united to England, and governed by the same Legislature, with some other of the Dependencies of the British Empire ; but I consider it to be unnecessary, as the object must be present to the Recollection of every Member of this Honourable House.

I beg leave to mention as a Consideration worthy of the attention of this Honourable House against the Division of that Country. and the establishment of a new Government in the upper part of it, that the new Province will be entirely cut off from all Communication with Great-Britain ; that their Government will be compleat within itself ; and as
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