

deed real use. Besides, the first day's debate is generally a kind of outline of the debates of the whole session; so that a critical observer, by contemplating the buds and seedlings of this early eloquence, may calculate what degree of radical strength they possess, how far they will expand and bloom, and whether they are hardy enough to stand the winter.

The Editor cannot but seize this opportunity to thank those Gentlemen who have furnished him with the *most authentic materials* for some of the speeches, which, they will immediately see, he has copied *verbatim* from their manuscripts---and he sincerely hopes, their having appeared in print *before* they are spoken, will not deter the several Gentlemen from delivering them with their usual appearance of *extempore* eloquence.

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