

House of Commons to apply for and to obtain this point. I am perswaded, that we shall not be refused it upon petitions from different parts of the nation, such as become the subject humble, dutiful, respectful; but at the same time exerting the whole force and influence of the constitution. Our present and our approaching situation suffers us no longer to rest in a state of indifference. Corruption has ruined itself; it can no longer retain its rule and its command: that most filthy monster has devoured its own vitals, as well as those of the government. The nation stands at this time on such terms; that we must either perish immediately and deservedly or must recover the constitution for ourselves and for those to come after us: we have however no reason to refuse this condition; the future welfare and greatness of our country are placed before us, as a prize; if we will attempt and will obtain it by means, which are perfectly within our own power. I trust, that the author has no necessity to explain which way are his wishes on the occasion and the heart of every honest man must surely attend him: I cannot  
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