

And an House of Commons thus chosen, and thus made independent, now that *Jacobitism* is rooted out, can never be formidable but to those who have Reason to tremble. Such an House of Commons will co-operate with the Administration in every Plan of public Utility, and at the same Time inquire carefully into the Abuses of Government; Supplies will be voted; but only in proportion to the real Income and Abilities of the Nation; and we may expect to see, what we have not seen above these forty Years, a Parliamentary Commission of Accounts erected to inquire into the Disbursement of near *Two Hundred Millions*. And unless we see this soon, I shall look upon our Constitution as lost for ever.

These, and many such Regulations, as these may, under an honest and virtuous Administration, be adopted when once Peace is restored: And the Prospect of seeing them adopted, and steadily pursued, keeps me from despairing altogether of the *Commonwealth*.

To you, therefore, whose Power, most likely, will not terminate with the War; and whom I have presumed to address, with Regard to the Terms that should be demanded, to secure us from a perfidious Foe; to you, *My Lord*, and *Sir*, let me earnestly recommend, the still more important Care, of saving us from *ourselves*; and as you have with an Unanimity, that doth you both great Honour, directed our Councils, so as to humble *France*, let me intreat you to preserve your Union, till it re-invigorate the almost lost Powers of the *British Constitution*.

If you have any Regard to Virtue, to Liberty, to your Country; if you would live great, and die lamented; if you would shine in History, with our

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*Clarendon*

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