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It is a circumstance which excites no small degree of speculation, that *certain* gentlemen in an honourable assembly, should oppose the investigation of a certain affair, and be willing to remain in total darkness upon the subject, when they *profess* to be so extremely desirous of LIGHT in matters that are obvious to every man that *will see*.

The honour and credit of the commonwealth appear to be involved in a thorough scrutinizing of the business of BRIBERY, asserted so plumply in yesterday's paper.

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