

the degree of their prevalence, to the public weal, and to our own interest and prosperitie, as connected with it. There are some vices indeed, that more immediately strike at the root of public happiness than others. But still whatever guiltie passion, it is, that we indulge, it must of necessitie, so far as indulged, supplant the better ones, and the love of our countrie among the rest.

But by these general hints we are naturally led to some other happie indications subsisting in our favor, and strongly exemplified in those recent tidings, that have been so welcome to everie British ear. As, for instance, the signal braverie of our troops in that gallant action, furnishing us with so pleasing a proof, that there are still those among us, who can stand as fearless and undismayed in the very face of danger, as others at a convenient distance from it. We cannot indeed enough lament the early loss of that generous hero, who led them on to conquest. And yet even in that loss itself, there are ample sources of consolation, which, heaven grant,

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