

too frequently unacquainted with the real sentiments and distresses of those they govern, owing to the choice they make of favourites, in whom they are apt to place an unbounded confidence, such persons so distinguished are generally esteem'd by their patrons men of capacities and knowledge, and it is seldom they want art or address to persuade their superiours, that all their measures are commendable, and are constantly endeavouring to keep from the knowledge of their patrons every thing that may give present uneasiness, however interesting to the general good of the dependent society, the service of their King, or the reputation of those who place in them an unmerited confidence : nor is it uncommon for such people to be frequently inculcating that men of honesty and judgment, act from different principles, and with different views, the better to secure their own power and influence.—Thus much being premised, it is not strange that Col. *Lawrence* should be the least acquainted of any other man with the universal uneasiness that prevails in all ranks of the inhabitants that his councils are influenc'd by gentlemen in the army, who are unacquainted with trade, and those political maxims that are found by experience most efficacious in these American regions. — It is a general observation, and occasions much discontent, that our liberties are restrain'd, and
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