

“ the means of rendering himself formidable to all Europe.” The confidence he reposed in the duke of Sully, and the firmness with which he supported him against the calumnies and intrigues of those venal wretches, who he had made his enemies by reducing their pensions, and cutting off the sources of corruption in the court, enabled that upright minister to do these great things for the state; and he candidly confesses, that, without it, it would have been vain to have attempted an enterprise so difficult, as a reformation in the finances. Few princes, indeed, can hope to find a minister equally deserving to be the general repository of their confidence, and the substitute of their power, with the duke of Sully: yet we may hope, that the qualities which that great statesman requires in a finance minister, are to be found in every country, and particularly in our own: “ We may be assured,” says he, “ that the revenues of a state are fallen into good hands, when a moderate degree of judgment, much diligence and exactness, and still more probity, are qualities remarkable in him that governs them.”

That the Almighty, who, in so many instances, has mercifully interposed to preserve these kingdoms from destruction, may put it into the heart of our gracious king to chuse such able and virtuous ministers: that parliament may adopt their measures, and support them carrying them into full execution: and, that all the subjects of the realm may be of one heart, and one mind, to contribute to the support of the British empire, and the preservation of our most excellent constitution in church and state, is the wish with which I shall conclude this treatise, and in the same sentiments do I hope to terminate my life.

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