

If you have heard of this, for the Nation has heard it, what can you expect from a private Man, but a dead Silence upon Public Affairs ; a Silence, not so much founded in an abject implicit Submission, as in the Public-spirited Doubts and Fears of a Well-wisher to his Country ?

But, it is possible, that this Ignorance, which very considerable men profess, is not the Effect of any uncommon Secrecy, but of an uncommon Inanity, a total Suspension of Measures and Councils.

The Body may be so disjointed, that no Member can do its Office ; and, what at other Times is thought to demand the United Care and Attention of the Wisest Hands, may be now left to the Operation of Chance. There may be an Inactivity, which naturally can produce Nothing, but
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