

the Case, what I offer may be useful even to them; if not, it may be satisfactory to others; at all Events it can do no Hurt, and the severest Censure that can be passed upon my Labours, will be, that they are trifling and impertinent. This I esteem to be a small Hazard run in endeavouring to do the Publick Service, and yet I think it is the only Hazard; for tho' there could be no true Liberty in a Country where every Man might set up for a Legislator, yet I think it is full as evident that there can be no Freedom in a Country, where any Man may not propose his Sentiments for the publick Good.

I take this to be a sufficient Apology for adventuring to commit my Thoughts to the Press, and shall therefore without Ceremony proceed in my Observations. The first of these is, that it cannot but be highly agreeable to the People of these Nations in general, to see a Spirit of Oeconomy prevail so strongly as it seems to do amongst their Representatives, since, except giving cheerfully upon a just Occasion, there cannot be a clearer Mark of true Patriotism, than saving as far as Justice and the Publick Safety will allow. A Principle, which whoever should