

degree, when the elegant arts and the softer virtues have refined the human soul; in these happy days of moderate vice and tractable virtue, when evasion having come in place of transgression, men are governed more by love than by fear; and when gratitude for benefits received, and esteem of the benefactors, are more powerful principles than dread of the laws and regard to the constitution; such a character as that of Mr. P—t is out of its place, it comes not in with propriety; it mars the plot of the play, and therefore ought to be suppressed altogether.

Such is the candid language of Mr. P—t's opposers; and the effects of raising him so unseasonably to power, are already but too apparent. Not many months ago, patriotism and publick virtue were quite exploded. Experience had taught the nation that these were only ideal qualities that had no existence in nature. None but odd fellows ever so much as named them, except in derision: and all men of sense publicly owned that private interest was their sole pursuit. But of late our coffee-house conversation is set to a new tune; and disinterestedness, and the love of our country, is the burden of the song. Now this is a very great evil, for men of such notions will be very apt to thwart the measures of the government: and it will be extremely troublesome and expensive to the m—r, who shall then govern, to take them off.

Let any man but seriously consider the present state of this great nation, and he will soon come to think with me, that honesty is the most unministerial of all qualities. On this article, instances crowd so fast upon me, that I am puzzled to which I shall give the preference. To be a successful minister, a man must have a multitude of friends to assist him,

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