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Measure, which is not calculated for their own *private* Advantage, to the Detriment of others. Their Craft is endangered by such a System: And therefore they always cry it down, and are zealous in opposing it.

THUS it is, That in most Contests, where the Publick Good is concerned, a few knavish and dishonest Persons are an Over-match by their Zeal and Activity for greater Numbers, who are more negligent and indifferent. Every generous and disinterested Proposal naturally alarms all those, who prey upon the Publick. — But let the Event be what it will, an honest Man, who doth his Duty, enjoys that Satisfaction which they are Strangers to.

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