

that Nations have ever succeeded according to the Virtue and Understanding of those who directed them, and have declined and risen as these prevailed.

THAT this Kingdom is replete with all those fatal Symptoms, which foretold the Ruin of other free States, who shall deny? In *England* the King can do no Wrong, for which Reason the M——r becomes justly chargeable with the Errors and Misconduct of the State. As are the Talents and Designs of this Man, will be the Capacities and Pursuits of those who are employed beneath him. If we divide the Scale of mental Nature into ten degrees, and suppose that of a M——r to be at five, will not all those he appoints either in the Army or the Fleet, in Embassies and Council, be below that Degree of Understanding, his own Judgment must in his own Opinion be the most perfect of human Intellect in all Plans, Resolutions, and Conduct; he is prevented, by his shallow short-sighted Degree of Understanding, from penetrating into the Conceptions and Schemes of superior Minds, and must necessarily chuse those which resemble him in Size of Capacity. For this Reason, as Men exceed him
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