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PREFACE.



Every particular Member of the Society, must receive some Benefit by Advantages accruing to, or sustain some Loss or Inconveniency by the Misfortunes which may fall upon, his Country; 'tis no Wonder, if thinking Men are anxious to procure the former to, and avert the latter from, the Public: And doubtless, as this is incumbent on every Individual, who has the Good of his Nation at Heart (alone neglected by the Indolent and Thoughtless) every Scheme offered to a Ministry, with this sole View of National Interest, ought to be received as the Effect of public Spirit; tho' the Projector, ignorant of the secret Springs which give Motion to the grand Machine of Government, should have been mistaken, and built upon a wrong, or weak Foundation, and his Scheme for that reason lain aside.

What is offered with the above View, is so far from being imposed, that it is ever left to the Judgment of our Superiors, who being seated at the Helm, ordering and directing the Course of the political Bark, must, consequently, be better able to judge what (and in what times) is most conducive to the public Good, than can any Particular: Which considered, none ought to be discontented, if a Government does not pay a Deference to, or fall in with, his private Sentiments.