

promoted from one Employment to another, can have an adequate Idea of its different Interests: Interests frequently clashing, nay wholly incompatible one with the other, and yet both at the same Time perhaps equally deserving of Protection. In Cases thus equiponderating, a temporary Preference must be given to the one; and it may so happen, that it must be given in such a manner, as apparently to disbenefit the other. Points of this Nature are daily rising in the Management of public Affairs, which would greatly perplex any one that was a Novice in the common Course of Business. Hence it is, that Persons who never were in the Cabinet, are frequently apt to form very wild Notions of those that are in the Administration. And the Reason is obvious, for when an Object is seen through a false Medium, it is always grossly misrepresented. This leads me naturally to enquire, Sir, whether you yourself ever had the honour to be employed in any public Station, or whether you ever was entrusted with the Secrets of the Privy Council? If not, be persuaded that you are only blundering on in the Dark, while you pretend to be setting Matters in a *clear Light*. Take then a friendly Advice, and have nothing more to do with political Discussions: I should think indeed you must certainly succeed in the Novel Writing. For in a Kingdom of Romance, was you to raise two or three Millions of *able Soldiers*, and that too on a sudden Start, the Novelty and Surprize would in all Probability highly entertain your Readers; but was you to raise half that Number in the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, it might be attended with very dangerous Consequences. For it is not natural to suppose, an Army would long remain obedient to the
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