

Scarcity of Friends that these Governments have, seems too much to be expected. In the mean Time, being my self a Native of one of them, I could not forbear showing my Good-will; for how little soever one is able to write, yet when the Liberties of one's Country are threaten'd, it's still more difficult to be silent. The dumb Son of Croesus, when he saw an Attempt made on his Father's Life, broke into a sudden Speech by a strong Effort of Nature. It's a fine Passage in Sallust, which I've plac'd in the Title-page of this little Work, Pulchrum est Patriae benefacere, etiam benedecere haud absurdum est. Every Man would be ambitious to do his Country each of these Services, and if I have not been fortunate enough to attain to either of 'em, THIS shall be my Satisfaction, that I have always aim'd and endeavour'd at both

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