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S much as I nauseate fulsome Encomiums and the Praises generally bestowed on Men great only by their Places, whose Power and Merit usually go Hand in Hand ; I am heartily sorry to be rid of that Nuisance at so sad an Expence as the Calamity of my Country. It has puzzled the Wits of the Friends of this Administration to find what to commend, and we are reduced to so strange a State that Courtiers now are at a Loss to flatter. Yet how little soever I love high-flown Panegyrick, or a Time-serving Tongue, I am as little pleased to deal in Censure ; but when Misfortunes rise to so great a Height, 'tis impossible for Patience to last, and People put to the Torture will exclaim. When we saw a Minister of confessed Abilities forced from the Helm of Government, his Royal Master's Favour and Protection not availing, we
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