

edly demand an Account of the Exercise of it : And who is he, that has so little to answer for on his own Account, as willingly to subject himself to be answerable for the Sins of others, which either by his Encouragement, or his Connivence he makes his own ? Pardon the Freedom of this Address ; I honour and reverence *your* Office, and I hope I give you no Occasion to despise *mine*.

NEXT to those in publick Offices of Power and Trust, the Happiness of the Publick depends upon those who have the Government in private Families. Here it is that the Youth of the Nation must be formed, and if they are suffered to be corrupted in their Religion or Morals before they come into the *World*, there is little Hope that the *World* will reform them. All wise Men, Legislators, and Princes, have acknowledged, not only the Use, but the Necessity of an early Education to form the Mind, whilst tender, to the Principles of Honour and Virtue ; and what is more, the wisest of all, the Writers inspired by the Holy Spirit, have required it as a Duty from Parents, and as Part of the Obedience they owe to God : Even our Unbelievers have seen how far Religion depended on this Care ; and under a Pretence of maintaining the Liberty of the human Mind, and guarding it against early Prejudices, they have endeavoured to persuade the *World*, that Children should be taught nothing of Religion, but be left to form Notions for themselves. They have had but too great
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