

purpose will such a monarch substitute parade and splendour, the tinsel of false glory and the glitter of unjust conquests for the solid virtues of the head and heart ; these may dazzle the people, but can never beget their veneration.

Our sovereign is better acquainted with human nature ; he knows that his station alone will never procure the love and veneration of his subjects : These must be derived from his personal conduct. We must be attached to the man, we must be convinced of his integrity and piety, before we can surrender him our affections, and before obedience to his commands becomes our honour and delight, as well as our duty. *

Such, my friends, is our sovereign in private life ; and were his subjects to follow his example, what consequences would ensue. The nation would be virtuous, and a virtuous nation is always powerful. Were the British to imitate the conduct of the king, and make a point of succeeding in that imitation, where should we find a man among them unworthy of confidence, destitute of probity, or intemperate in his living ? Justice and integrity would cover us as a garment ; punctual in our dealings and in the performance of promises : affectionate husbands, indulgent parents, not admitting that criminal indulgence so fatal to children, but that regular and yet tender discipline which becomes the foundation of future excellence. Pious without hypocrisy, more attentive to the spirit of religion than to idle distinctions, yet careful to preserve those exterior ordinances

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