

pear to you to be thought a ready Speaker, experience must have informed you, that you are not heard with attention. The reason is plain—Because it is imagined that you are only the instructed deliverer of the sentiments of other men.—You will remember, that Demosthenes himself, for some time, was respected not more for his oratory than for the honesty of his principles—but the moment he became the known Partizan of Philip, his talents only made him the more contemptible. A memorable instance in how little estimation the highest abilities are held, when they are once discovered to be employed for private ends, and not for the PUBLIC GOOD!

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

EDWARD TOPHAM.