

the two corps, to endeavour to promote separate interests, to create invidious distinctions, and prevent, by the flattering bait promotion, that unanimity, so highly necessary to your general interests, from taking place.

Might not the degrading menace be with as much propriety addressed to admirals and captains, as lieutenants? But to have made such an insult *general*, would have been too great a risque, and certainly have produced that active unanimity I so strongly recommend.

The conduct of his Lordship's brother, relative to the excise, may possibly be a pattern for his own. The attempt of Sir Robert Walpole to establish a *general* excise, had nearly proved fatal to him. Warned by his example, the more cautious minister of the present day proceeds by gradations, and imposes it upon one branch of trade only at one time. This occasions a trifling disturbance for the moment, but it soon blows over; those not immediately affected by it, hear of it as a man does of a fire at a distance from his dwelling; he expresses his concern, but becomes not actively assisting to extinguish the flames. When those who have experienced a misfortune, view others that have been unassisting, during their difficulties, fallen into similar circumstances, they generally feel a kind of malicious consolation, and do not think themselves under any obligation