

SUCH was *Lacedæmon* at the Time of the Peace ; for by a Succession of weak Kings it was greatly diminished in its Authority over the rest of *Greece*, and was more celebrated for speaking with Judgment than acting with Wisdom ; but still it seemed firmly resolved to exert itself to expel *Philip*, as the Opposer of publick Liberty.

*Thessali*, weak in itself, and incapable of assisting others, became Slaves to *Thebes* or *Macedonia*, as either prevailed.

THE smaller *Grecian* States were of but little Consequence ; too weak to resist, yet unwilling to submit, they condemned the Conduct of which they were the Practisers.

SUCH were the Allies of *Athens* against the Power of the most politic Prince in *Europe*, whose Influence was much more extensive than his Dominions !

THE *Phoceans*, indeed, were engaged by a strict Bond of Alliance to assist them ; but what could be expected from a Nation so oppressed with the most dreadful Calamities ?

THE *Argives* and *Messenians* hung wavering in the Balance of *Philip* or the allied States