

Civil Glory of all Nations, have ever subsisted and increased in Proportion to the Understanding and Virtue of those, who reigned, and those who obeyed; and though Numbers of Inhabitants and Degrees of Riches may be thought by many to oppose this Observation, yet a just Examination will prove the Truth of what is here said.

WAS it not by means of the happy Union of those superior Qualifications in the first *Cyrus*, that he extended his Empire from the little Realm of *Persia* over Nations, almost too distant to be visited, and whose Languages were unintelligible to each other, as *Xenophon* has described them? Yet such is the Fate and Revolution of Empires; *Darius* with all these Nations in Subjection, with infinite Armies and untold Sums of Treasure, deserted by Virtue only, fell the easy Prey of *Alexander* and a few *Macedonians*.

To this energetic Influence of Virtue in the common People, and Understanding united with it in their Leaders, it is owing that the *Grecians* in their rising Glory performed almost miraculous Exploits.

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