

Death, can be existing in the same People ; that the Course of Nature is suspended in our Favour, or that *England* is exempted from the Conditions which Providence first fixt on all created Things.

Is such Imagination a less Absurdity than to conceive that physical Principles, which produce Putrefaction and Dissolution in vegetable and animal Nature, may exist in full Energy, and yet these Substances remain unaltered, incorrupt, and entire, from that Influence.

HAS not Venality in human Kind, the same Effect on the Soul that the putrefactive Principle has on Matter? Does it not destroy the Union of its Parts, and dissipate that strong attractive Power which holds the Mind firm, and resisting all vicious Attacks? Deprived of Virtue, it no longer possesses Strength or Vigor; it becomes feeble and effete. Yet, as in preserving animal and vegetable Substances from Decay, Art may supply the Absence of Nature in some Degree; so in Societies and moral Nature, Wisdom may restrain the precipitate Fall of Nations, and preserve them from total Ruin,
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