

done ; I shall be as glad, as heartily glad to see the important Service performed by these, as any other Men. Yet those surely are not the Means which have been taken ; nor the present Managers I fear the Persons. If Men try a Thing again, and again, and find after all, that they cannot succeed, in common Prudence, they will retire from the Laughter of the World, and that for which they are unfit.

But if such a strange Itch of Gaming prevails, that a loosing Gamester irretrievably dipt, is resolved to continue the Game at all Events ; I hope the Nation will consider, that it is at their Expence he plays at the Expence of their Treasure their Glory, their Interest and their Trade. In this corrupt Age it would be ridiculous to wonder at the strong Attachment of Placemen to Places. I wonder, however, that the Bulk of Placemen, who probably would be the same under one Minister or another, should choose to support a Set of Men whose Councils are ineffectual in every Thing but in working the Misfortunes of their Country. That they should not endeavour to take to themselves a Head, whose Measures might do Credit to themselves and the Nation. No doubt there are who have Talents equal to this Purpose. But if there should be found Men resolved to uphold at all Events, an Administration precipitating the Nation into evident Ruin, both Abroad and at Home ; I hope there will be found those who will exert themselves to redeem their Country out of such Captivity, who will cast their Bonds from us, and set the Nation free ; in which Case it is no vain Hope to expect that it will recover its ancient Lustre and Glory. In some Countries Men have been capitally accused of undertaking Employments to which they were unequal ; but what do they deserve who intrude themselves by Force,
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