

and interests, for the public weal? These are the virtues for which we reverence public men, it is by these qualities that the Statesman becomes eminent, and it is by the practice of these virtues that the true Patriot and lover of his country is known. Are these then Sir, your distinguishing characteristics, or rather can any thing be more opposed to one and all of these, than your whole public conduct, if you are pre-eminent, it is guiltily so, if all eyes are turned upon you, it is not with reverential love and admiration, but in disgust and abhorrence;—if there is a being, who concentrates in his own person, all that public hatred, scorn, and contempt, can bestow upon him, to you, Sir, do I apply the emphatic language of the Prophet, and say—thou art the man!

If there is an individual lost to all sense of honor—dead to every feeling but that of self-interest—guiltily intent upon his own advancement, and disregarding alike the means of his elevation and the men who contribute to it, desperately reckless of fame—active in sedition—pre-eminent in disloyalty—again do I say—thou art the man!

Painful is it indeed to confess, that a man such as you, should have attained eminence, even by any means, because the knowledge that you possess power carries with it a conviction of the weakness or wickedness of those by whose means you have obtained it. It is well known, that there are men over whom you exercise an influence, almost despotic, who think but as you think, see but as you see, act but as you command, and who are invariably *de l'opinion de Monsr. l'Orateur*, and it is indeed subject matter of regret, that these men are to be found in that body, who arrogate to themselves, the title of "The Representatives of the People." that they should show so utter a disregard to public principle, as to yield a blind subserviency to an

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