

whose Aid she again flourished and preserved her Dignity : A Service which she repaid with the highest Ingratitude ; for on every Occasion she deceived her Allies, and made it plainly apparent, that if *Athens* was not betrayed, she might impute it rather to Imbecility or Cowardice, than to the Good-will of the *Boeotians*.

THE *Lacedæmonians* were a Nation, who, under the Influence of good Commanders, had extended their Power, and rendered themselves formidable and respected : Their Interests were evidently joined with the *Athenians* to suppress the growing Power of *Macedon*, since *Lacedæmonia* could not stand if the Liberty of *Athens* was invaded. The People, though degenerate from their Ancestors, were grave, solid, and sententious ; just to one another, but cruel to their Enemies ; quick to conceive, slow to execute ; they had not the sprightly Imagination of the *Athenians*, but excelled them in Strength of reasoning and Solidity of Judgment ; and had the Force of their Arms been equal to their Sentiments, they would have been an overmatch for the *Athenians* or the *Macedonians*.