

Those who preside in the great Offices may, in some Degree, be compared to the Commander of a Ship of War, who, altho' possessed of all the Qualifications necessary for the King's Service, yet may be so circumstanced, from the Defects or ill Qualities of his Ship, as not to be able to carry Sail when a Storm arises upon a Lee Shore, or to protect his Ship from sinking, by the Defects or Rottenness, which, thro' Time, have crept into the Bottom.

In like Manner, even great and good Men are often subject to