

is the first requisite for success in the conduct of great and arduous affairs.

“ The importance of the crisis, in which we have been placed, no man can contest. Nor will there be any difference of opinion as to that result, which was most to be desired by this country. When Bonaparte, circumventing by the grossest treachery the feeble princes of Spain, and drawing into his own net the chief of her nobility, suddenly assumed the right to dispose of the monarchy of a faithful and obsequious ally, our disgust at the baseness of the transaction, was equalled only by our indignation at its enormity. The resistance of the Spanish Patriots was well calculated to excite the warmest interest in every heart in which the principles of justice have any sway. Had we heard of such an event in some remote territory, known only to us by report, and separated by the intervention of half the globe, yet the best wishes of every