

If what shall be here written appears to be just, what honest *Englishman* shall disapprove of my Conduct? Whatever Distance either Chance, Birth, or Riches, may have placed between me and a Prime M——r, there must be yet more between him and his Country. No Subject can be so superior to me in Rank, as this Nation is above him in Dignity. If I presume to examine the Understanding of him who presides at the Helm, let it be remembered it is because I am convinced his Weakness misguides his Fellow-Subjects. If I am blamed for daring to arraign his Conduct, it is because I am satisfied his Presumption may ruin his Country. Acquit me then or condemn me, as he is innocent or guilty.

HOWEVER, I confide that the patriot Design which justified *Demosthenes* the *Athenian*, and immortalized his Name, shall at least find me, an *Englishman*, present Favour and Applause; and Zeal for the Constitution of my Country vindicate me in the Hearts of all Men who yet preserve the Love of Probity and their native Land.

As we resemble the *Greeks* and *Romans* in the Symptoms of declining Liberty and Virtue,

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