

second) for I should expect to see in a very short Time, the Bulk of the Officers of that Army composed of *Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, and Herefordshire* Men; the Consequence of which, (especially since the passing of the late Cyder Act) I leave to wiser Heads than my own to determine. But it may now, with great seeming Propriety be asked, what End I propose to myself, in giving this Catalogue of Virtues and Endowments requisite for the proper Discharge of these important Trusts, when it is evident, that they are already committed to the Hands of Men so every Way accomplished? I confess that this Exception would be just, were human Affairs less fragil; but alas! the Publick may be deprived of these excellent Personages by a thousand Accidents. Envy and Malice were ever attendant on exalted Merit; their best Actions may be misrepresented; their very Virtues may be turned against them;