

ing these People at every turn as if they were Strangers and Foreigners. At this Rate we may form the same Notion, and indeed the Vulgar do, of the Inhabitants of *Yorkshire* and *Somersetshire*; but is not this silly and weak? is it not narrow, and unworthy of a civilized People? Did ever Notions of this kind prevail among the great Nations of Antiquity? or did they ever consider their Citizens as falling from that Character, by living for the publick Service at a Distance? If not, why should we? Sometimes we have the Vanity to compare ourselves to the *Greeks* and *Romans*; let us resemble them in their Virtues, and it will be no longer a Vanity: Let us conceive the Bounds of *Britain* to extend where-ever her Laws are obeyed, where-ever Men are made free and happy by living under our excellent Constitution; this will purge out these little, mean, and despicable Notions, and we shall then have a right Idea of the Welfare of the *British* Nation, which consists in the well-being of every Individual, who pays a just Obedience to its Government.

The setting up a Preference amongst the Colonies, is a Species of that Narrowness of Spirit which ought to be exploded. All we have in *America* is alike our own,