

such a Method would be a real Act of Oeconomy, and contribute infinitely more to the Benefit of the Nation than trifling and temporary Sayings. This must be done by banishing and suppressing Luxury, reviving the old Spirit of Diligence and Application, and repressing the new one of pursuing Pleasure, as if that was the only Business of Life worth minding. Nor ought this to be looked upon as a beaten Topick of Satyr, or an Observation so obvious as to deserve little Notice ; since if we regard it much longer in this Light, we shall find the Disease grow too strong, not only for Physicians, but for Physick. It is a downright Dream to fancy, that by the small Abatements we are able to make in our Expences, the People of this Nation may continue at their present Rate of Living without any Hazard of Ruin ; for that is not to be done by any such slender Expedient. If we will live high, and not leave our Posterity Beggars, other Means must be employed ; and instead of looking upon it as a Piece of Policy to get rid of able Hands, when the Time for which they immediately served is over, we must study to encrease and to employ them. This may do the Business ; for to this
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