

the event, it may be known from admiral Holbourn.

These are the proper sources of intelligence; and it is upon these and no other, we should found our good or bad opinion, our censure or applause of distinguished persons. There is great merit in the action, when men of rank and affluence expose themselves to the dangers and fatigues of war for the publick benefit; and we ought to look on those who do it with a high respect. No rank or influence should screen the guilty from infamy or punishment; but it becomes the publick to be very sure of facts before they form injurious suspicions. If it become a practice to indulge this disingenuous and indecent conduct of railing without cause, at all who do not succeed, we shall disgust those who are fit for high employments; and no man will undertake the service, but he who sets no value on his reputation.

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