

version of every thing that was considered as wise and honest policy in his reign; and I flatter myself, that you will sympathize with me in that lively gratitude which I feel at a recollection of the advantages derived by this nation from the happy and glorious reign of George the Second.

I confess myself one of those men, whose plain understandings value one experiment in the art of Government, as in every other matter of human concern, infinitely more than all the speculations and refinements of the most exalted genius. The reign of George the Second afforded to the ministers of his successors *a large body of experience*, which a real statesman would have been fortunate in the possession of. The maxims pursued in this reign were wise, not because they were to be accounted for upon this or that theory, but because their consequences were salutary. They ought, therefore,