

Retrospect I have taken, with this sole View of finding out some Incentive for our Ministers, willing to excite them, if possible, to make some Effort for their Sinking Country; for if they are not dead to all Sense of Shame for themselves, to all feeling for the Public, if they regard any Thing besides their own sordid Gain, if they have any Thoughts becoming Men, the Comparison, their Measures and the Success attending them, afford Matter for very pungent Reflections; but if the Object is too unpleasing for them to cast their Eyes on, it is worth our while, when Men have made such grand Professions of publick Spirit, and disinterested Zeal for the Welfare of their Fellow-Subjects, to compare their Conduct with the Conduct of those whom they have so vilified and abused on that very Head. Compare then the Measures, in what are they different? except that at present they are less effectual, and more expensive. Compare the Measures, and need one ask if such Opposition was any thing more than the Effect of the repining Envy of Men of inferior Parts? This was sufficiently evinced in the very first Step taken by the Cabal, I mean with regard to the Hire of *Hanoverian Troops*. This Measure exclaimed against in Private, yet supported in Public by the same Persons, was at last made a Handle, for forcing from the Direction of Publick Affairs the Man who was the grand Obstacle to the Blessings which they had in Store for the Nation. And now the wish'd-for Time was come, the Great *Æra*, the *Augmentis \* Nascentia* of lasting Happiness.

*Et magni incipiunt procedere menses.*

Pardon me, they are not yet begun. It was only in the Imagination of the credulous, who were fed with

\* Which have been disparted by Mathematicians, whether any thing or nothing.