

whatsoever and wheresoever be exceedingly redound to us and to the credit of England and of Englishmen. In return for these things they desire no more than a just sense and acknowledgement of them. Whether we do make this return, whether these circumstances have always the weight with us, which they merit Englishmen will best determine by examining into their own breasts. But this we may be assured of; that the good will, affection & attachment of our Countrymen spread throughout our common Empire will be our firmest strength and security, if it shall be our lot to continue in our present splendor and prosperity; as likewise that the same cannot but be our best support and assistance, wherewith to weather the storms of fate and fortune, if Heaven shall on the contrary have any reverse or times of difficulty and distress in store for us.

I have now finished, unless it may be a few words with respect to the Author himself. He hopes, that should in the warmth of writing any inadvertencies or inaccuracies have fallen from him, that they will be readily overlooked; he is perswaded that there are none such, as affect his argument. He has wrote with freedom, but he trusts without offence; he has no personal views whatsoever in any thing, that he has advanced or offered; he has no interest in any distant part of the British Dominions, neither in Scotland, Ireland or America; he has neither trade or traffick with them nor a foot of land in any of them. His concerns, his property, his family, his friendships, his affections, every thing most dear to him center in South-Britain. He has no intercourse or connection with any man, that either is, that ever was, or who to the best of his knowledge desires to be a Minister. He is totally indifferent who shall be at the head of our affairs, any otherwise than as the Public may be concerned in it. He would not perhaps in his humble situation accept of any place or post, high or low, which the King has to confer great and powerful as he is. He wishes only that these sheets may be read, as they are written, with the purest and the most disinterested intentions for the good the greatness and the prosperity of our whole empire, for the union, harmony and preservation of all its parts and for the particular interest, safety, peace, welfare and happiness of England.