

conviction is swelling in the minds of a before prepossessioned audience, abruptly deserts his associates, and shrinks, on the first alarm of decreasing influence. But should we observe the same character, after a temporary shelter from the storm, return to a more elevated, though less responsible situation, it will then become apparent that a wise regard for the main chance of life almost equally ballances the fond attention to personal security. Should we, in process of time, see the same character, on the next appearance of ill success, veer with the gale of fortune, court and combine with his old and inveterate enemies, condemn the measures he had suggested, and vilify the persons with whom he had acted, accuse, with more than factious rancour, and threaten, with worse than patriotic scurrility, we shall then admit that nothing can be wanting to the completion of such a character; we shall then look back with wonder at the steps, by which he has reached a summit of political infamy, unknown before; and the mind of an honest spectator, shocked by the example of perfidy, shamed by the outrage of decency, will find no other quiet, than, in reconciling indignation with contempt.

A third species of Political Reformers would be deemed too ludicrous to deserve notice, did not the support they receive originate in a very dangerous, as well as a very curious system of modern policy. These are the self created Reformers, the self proclaimed victims to political restraints, who court the public favor by instilling the idea of imaginary wants, of visionary sufferings & fancied privations; who elevate political enthusiasm to treasonable mania; and thus, with ability not above the ordinary attainments of a Sunday School education, and the persevering industry of the mole, (whose underminings,