

reason, by the advocates of such interests, not because these men are senseless, but because they are in the wrong. Thus in the present instance we have it admitted that, in incorporated towns mens' "time and attention" are directed to the promotion of the public welfare, but then the wary defender of things as they are, has omitted to state the cause from which the beneficial dedication of that "time and attention" proceeds. It required little shewdness to infer, that the municipal constitution was the cause of that "time and attention" being thus usefully employed, because in that constitution the corresponding duties are defined, the means of appointing officers established, and regulated, and an efficient control, and responsibility imposed. Public and not *private* interests are attended to, because the principle of all representative government political and municipal, is thus brought into action, of leaving little or nothing to the discretion of individuals, and every thing to the determination of fixed and definite rules. It thus necessarily becomes the *private* interest of a public functionary, however selfish or corrupt his individual character, to discharge the constituted obligation his acceptance of office, is the means of imposing. Discretion is the parent of tyranny, and wherever it exists, ought if possible to be superceded or put down. When too, a more efficient can be exchanged for a less effectual control in the performance of public duties, common sense dictates the preference of the former to the latter. These are maxims, saving among the oracles here, universally acknowledged to be constitutional, and apply as has been elsewhere shewn, in favor of the incorporation of this town.

How then does the champion of the Gazette get over their actual application? Not by disputing their correctness; but by begging the question, and assuming the existence of an evil principle which is to render unavailable their application here. There reigns a faction in this province, he authoritatively announces, which is the enemy of all public good, and which alone seeks its own aggrandizement at the expense of the public interest. Political writers of the best authority, have defined a faction to be a combination of wicked men, few in number as compared with the body of the people, abandoned in principle, restless in character, mischievous in design, and pernicious in action, the enemies of the public liberty