

whether they be personal endowments, or the gifts of fortune, or the blessings arising from society or civil government.

A remark on  
Mr. Harrington's  
*Oceana*.

LXX. Mr. Harrington in his famous treatise on government, called *Oceana*, has examined, with great attention and at great length, the subject that has been considered in the foregoing pages, or the nature and limitations of that form of government which is best calculated for the preservation of political liberty; and, in particular, he has endeavoured to find out, what is the highest degree of political liberty which it is possible to establish in a civil society, and by what means it may be established. But we may truly say of him, that he has sought for this high degree of liberty in a visionary common-wealth of his own creating, after having seen it, without knowing it, in the limited monarchy of England, of which he was a subject. His conduct in this respect may be compared to that of a founder of a new city, who, having the delightful and most convenient situation of Byzantium before his eyes, should nevertheless chuse to build his new city in the neighbouring, but much less advantageous, situation of Chalcedon.

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