

tant Place, will not be that simply of severing it for ever from the *British* Dominions : For the taking it sprung from the Councils, tho' it was not compleated till after the Resignation of the late Ministers. It is the same with some other great Events, for it cannot be doubted to what the surprising Success of the Allied Arms on the Side of *Italy* is owing, or that, to trace out the Cause, it will be necessary to go farther back than the Date of the present Administration, who are saved from sinking by the Effects of the Wisdom and Prudence of the Man whom they have oppress'd, who like worthless Heirs live on the unimproved Stock of their great Predecessor : I wish, for my Country's Sake, that Stock would last longer ; for when one considers our ill Success in every other Part, except where the Influence of his Councils could reach, there is too great Reason to fear that Stock failing, Beggary, and the most abject State will ensue.

I disclaim any Attachment, any Connection with any Persons, but those who shall labour for the Good of their Country ; I will as heartily oppose one Minister as another, acting contrary thereto in what Respect soever. At the same Time I will render Justice to every Man, tho' unknown ; 'tis in vain to deny it : Time has shewn, that the late Minister's Plans were great, his Designs well concerted and efficacious ; so efficacious, that they have prevailed long after the Power has been cut off, in spite of the Clog, in spite of the want of Address in his Successors, which has discover'd itself in every one Thing without Exception, which they have undertaken ; that they have eclipsed his Glory, is true ; not however by superiour Brightness (would they had!) but by the Interposition of an opaque Body, which has struck a fatal Chilnness on our vital Heat and Vigour. This short

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