

owed their Grandeur principally, because the weaker they were abroad, the stronger and more united they became at home, and Men were encouraged to serve their Country with Chearfulness, because with Secularity, both in Peace and in War.

Very different was the Conduct of those giddy Nations whom Providence seemed to have marked out for a shameful Ruin, and which some Patriots would advise us to imitate. Incapable of judging but by Events, and impatient of their Condition, but without knowing how to better it, they turned their Backs to the Enemy, and their Arms upon one another. Without considering the Situation of Affairs, they expected Impossibilities from their Ministers; they changed them when they were frustrated in those Expectations, and chose new ones, who flattered them with Hopes yet more extravagant, only to deceive them in a Manner yet more fatal, and to make Way for such new Changes as a fickle People never want Pretences to make.

Such were the Manners of the *Atbenians* in the base and degenerate Times of that Commonwealth; such was the Condition of *France*, when we conquered it; and such