

should be this Island's motto. It is by strength of constitution, and policy of law, that we have risen above the gulph we were plunged in by nature, and can no longer be treated with contemptuous neglect, no longer be pointed at as outcasts of the world, as miserable borderers on the *ultima Thule*, as *penitus toto divisos orbe Britannos*. Our Liberty we owe to the virtue of our ancestors, our Empire must be maintained by the virtue of ourselves. Nay, even our very Liberty must fall with our Empire, and I hope our Existence will not outlast our Liberty. We have gloriously defended it against the open assaults of foreign enemies, against the undermining arts of domestick traytors. And shall we tamely and pusillanimously suffer it to be wrested from us, by a long-cherished, ungrateful, refractory offspring? That we have Right to support us has, I trust, been demonstrated: that we have Power to enforce it, *we* feel, and *they* know. And shall we hesitate for ever upon petty scruples