

new powers;—something that is to be guarded against, on one hand, or that is to be carried to advantage on the other. There is an universal apprehension of some new crisis forming: yet one does not find any where, in all these various impressions of the matter, any one precise comprehensive idea of this great crisis; and consequently, all that is proposed, is by parts, without connection to any whole; in temporary expedients without general reference to that eventual state of things which may be the effect thereof; with regard only to particular branches, that may be a foundation to some special advantages, without any systematical police, directed to the interest of all as a One Whole.

This has tempted me to hazard my sentiments on this subject. My particular situation gave me early opportunity of seeing and observing the state of things, which have been long leading to this crisis. I have seen and mark'd, where it was my duty, this nascent crisis at the beginning of this war, and may affirm, have foreseen and foretold the events that now form it.

In the first uncultur'd ages of Europe, when men fought nothing but to possess, and to secure possession, the power of the
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