

Generals tilled their own little Farms, and the Labour of their Hands gave their Children the Bread of Virtue ; whilst Merit brought Dictators from the Plough to rule a Nation, the *Romans* were insuperable : yet, when their Emperors possessed half the Globe and half the Riches on its Surface, this very People became the easy Capture of *Goths* and *Vandals*.

IN this Manner will Nations perish, who renounce the Dictates of Virtue.

IN all Situations, where Nations are equal in the Qualities of the Heart, the Chief who excels in Understanding prevails in his Undertakings. The Moment *Marlbrough* left the Command of the Army, *Villars* conquered the Allies, and the long vanquished triumphed over their former Victors. *Turenne*, who during three Months had traversed the Designs and disappointed the Attempts of the *Austrians*, being now no more, left an easy Conquest over the Troops he had commanded, and his Country to be invaded by *M. ttecuculi*.

PETER the *Russian* Emperor, by Dint of Genius created a civilized People from Beings little better than Brutes. The very Man, who with more than a Hundred Thousand
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