

verence, or honour falsehood with the ceremony of confutation. It would be Treachery to ourselves to bow down with feigned respect before those who deny Justice: It would almost be impiety towards our Maker to speak of profanation and irreligion in any terms but those of the severest Censure. If then we are blamed by any for the use of terms correspondent to our feelings, let us not by a tame and silent submission acknowledge a fault when we have a right to assume a Merit. What such men mean by moderation and decorum is indeed of great use in public Affairs, never of greater than when it shelters folly from ridicule, and dishonesty from detection, or when measures are considered which nothing can preserve from Contempt but the solemnity with which they are treated. Great men are incircled by the fortifications of ceremony: approach them in form, and they have settled rules for your reception. Speak plainly, and Speak the Truth: you find them poor human creatures like ourselves, and quite unprepared to answer language which surprises them from its novelty. O! but "we shall excite Opposition"—yes—but Opposition begets examination—Examination begets conviction. We triumph in the anticipation of such an Opposition! We rejoice in the prospect of such an Examination.

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