

to the truly benevolent mind will be the greatest and most sensible affliction in them all. He therefore that sorrows in such a manner as this, within the narrower circle of his own private concerns, will naturally have his heart entended towards the public, and be disposed with still greater cordialitie to embrace its views. He will enter into its concerns with a truer sympathie, having been before accustomed to the like generous sensations, and be with a more absolute devotion of spirit addicted to its weal. And indeed, who would wish on any account to be released from the impressions of so felicitating an affection? what better fund of consolation can we have under our own adversities, than to have our hearts so connected with the common welfare, and with the great designs of providence in relation to it, as enables us warmly to take our share in everie thing, that is conducing to its advancement and stabilitie? and with what horror and self-condemnation must any one, sooner or latter, reflect upon himself for having, if in realitie he has, so far debilitated his public