

Confidence of the People so to actuate it. He will assume to his Character this confidence. He will have the consciousness of knowing that He is the actuating spirit of the concentrated Vitality of the State ; and that His first and direct duty is the preservation thereof in all its functions, health, and efficiency. He ought to fear nothing so much as the doing or suffering any thing that may hurt the *Salus Reipub.* that may diminish or abate the Majesty of the People. It is not sufficient that his office and Character have respect annexed to them ; but He ought to acquire an Ascendency that will command respect. He ought to be cloathed with the palpable visible Authority and Power of the *Imperium*. He ought to stand above the level of Equality ; He ought, wherever he is seen, to impress a sense and an idea of Superiority and Eminence ; He ought to be looked up to as the shield of the Good, and as the armed avenging hand of Evil. The People ought to see, (and, if the constitution