

which the energy of such a people could not surmount?

It is to the saving influence of this sentiment, could it but become general amongst the people of England; and not to rhetorical artifice, to appeals to the passions, to diplomatic morals, or a scheme of political action conceived in a spirit of detail, that you can look for safety, or even for existence. You have trodden the path of dishonesty long enough, and to no purpose; try now then if better things may not be obtained by acting up to *the honest* in public as well as in private life. The science of politics you have been told, is an abstruse and entangled study. I will not positively assert, that it has been hitherto found so, from a vain endeavour to act right on wrong principles; but of thus much I am sure, that it is at least worth the experiment to the happiness of mankind, to try whether, by substituting plain dealing and speaking in the place of equivocation and fraud, the profound mysteries of government may not be resolved into simple truths, and its ways of vice and evil become those of pleasantness and peace.

If, however, you are determined to persevere in the old system; if, as formerly, you disclaim all compromise, all concession; if you are resolved to coerce, and not conciliate, and to think that those who are not with you are against you—only take care, lest you are taken at your words, and lest those who are not with you shall be against you; for you are fast
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