

or fortuitous events. Probably the history of mankind and of human society doth not furnish such another. If this change be from a worse to a better state of things, it must be for the advantage of those who direct the national concerns, that the means whereby it hath been effected be made manifest to us. If it be of the contrary kind, it is of the utmost importance that we should cast off that disgraceful indifference and inattention to our dearest interests, by which we have been lately characterized, and look a little into our own affairs. The conduct of a correct and faithful steward can at no time be unseasonably inspected : that of a negligent or fraudulent one, cannot be too soon or too rigidly brought to the test.

Never did the times afford fewer incitements to any man to give faithful attention to your affairs, independent of party principles and party views. The treachery of
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