

Those Nations whose Character destined them for Empire, though full of that high Spirit, which, as it made ill Success unusual to their Arms, rendered it almost insupportable to their Minds, yet in such a Case always grew more enamoured of their Country; and quitting their Connexions with their Party, attached themselves with stricter Bonds than ever, closely to the Orders of the State. This they knew was not a Time for Change, because they were sensible, that all beginning Administrations, especially those which owe their Birth to Faction, have two capital Faults; that they are violent, and that they are weak; they were convinced that New Men spend that Time in searching for Tools, which ought to be employed at Work; and that those who come in upon the Destruction of others, hating the Measures for the Sake of the Men, fail not to disturb the most salutary Regulations made by their Predecessors; and that at a critical Season in Politicks, as in Medicine, almost every thing depends upon not disturbing the Order and Method of Affairs.

These, as it is well known, were Principles from which the *Romans* were never known to depart; and it is to those they owed