

^the *Grecians*, that you were either always Children, or are grown twice so; you have long been a famous religious Protestant Nation, but if you chuse debauched swearing Atheists, Men of no Religion, or such as are meer Formalists, or inclinable to Popery, what can the World think, but that the Nation has lost its Sense of Religion, and is contented to be led back into the *Egyptian* Darknes of *Romish* Fopperies? You have formerly had the Character of a sober temperate Nation, but if you chuse Drunkards for your Trustees, or give your Voices for those that gorge you most with Liquor; what can be supposed, but that you are already drunk with Folly, and just reeling into Slavery?

Some Directions concerning the Choice of Members to serve in Parliament, and the Qualifications that render a Gentleman fit or unfit, worthy or undeserving of your Voices for so great a Trust.

1. **A** Void all such as hold any Office of considerable Value during Pleasure, they being subject to be over-awed. For altho' a Man will well to his Country, and in the betraying thereof, knows at the long Run he mischiefs and enslaves his Posterity, if not himself, yet the narrowness of Mens Minds is such, as makes them more tenderly apprehend a small present Damage, than a far greater hereafter. Such Men must of necessity be under a great Temptation and Distraction, when their Consciences and Interest look different ways. For to say truth, such an Office is but a softer word for a Pension: Therefore since these Men know before-hand, the Inconveniencies that attend the Trust of a Member of Parliament faithfully discharged