

Choice that may ruin my Country, to gratifie any or all of them. Let no such Engagements put you upon dangerous Elections, as you love the Liberties and Freedom of your Posterity ; but tell them in this Affair they must hold you excused, for that the weight of the Matter will well bear it ; this is your Inheritance, all may depend upon it ; 'tis a more modest Request, if they would desire you to give them that Freehold Estate that qualifies you for an Elector, than to press you to be for a Man, that in your Conscience you think unfit, or not so fit as his Competitor, for so weighty a Trust. Men do not use to lend their Wives, or give their Children, to satisfy personal Kindnesses ; nor ought you to make a Swop of your Birthright (and that of your Posterity's too) for a Mess of Pottage, a Feast, or a lusty Drinking Bout ; there can be do Proportion here, and therefore none must take it ill, that you use your Freedom about that which in its Constitution, is the great Bulwark of all your ancient Liberties.

(7.) Have a care of ambitious Men, and Non-Residents, such as live most about the Town, and not with their Estates in the Country. These seek Honours and Preferments above ; and little or never imberter the Country with their Expences or Hospitality, for they are too much for themselves, to act vigorously for the advantage of their Country ; or if in the House they do for a while swagger a little, and speak it briskly, 'tis only that the Court may take notice of them, and take them off by some Preferment ; and then these false Patriots shall be the only Sticklers for unbounded Prerogative.

(8.) Be resolved (against all Temptations) to chuse no Minors : What, will you be content with sucking Statemen ? and Beardless Politicians ? and

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