

The Study of History is the best School for acquiring the knowledge requisite to take any share in political Affairs, but ~~as~~ ~~an~~ ~~ecessities~~ when stated with accuracy, and with that truth which an honest man ought never to deviate from, are the most advantageous as they shew the secret springs of actions, and serve to warn the reader against similar evils, and to adopt what is good; for there is little that has happened that may not in time come again on the stage.

The Chief reason for writing the following Memoir is to shew the real conduct of the Author whose Character has been it is hoped attacked with a violence not deserved, and from a desire of instructing a son with a view to form his mind to the Arduous situation in all human probability he will one day be placed in.

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