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A wise man, says Seneca, is provided for ocurrences of any kind; the good he manages, the bad he vanquishes: in prosperity he betrays no presumption, in adversity he feels no despondency.

August 25. 1777.

Truth is always consistent with itself, and needs nothing to help it out; it always is near at hand, and sits upon our lips, and is ready to drop out before we are aware; whereas a lie is troublesome, & sets a man's invention upon the rack; and one trick needs a great many more to make it good.

August 26. 1777.

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Keep no Company with a Man who is given to detraction to hear him, and shew a Countenance of Encouragement is to partake of his Guilt, and prompt him to a continuance in that Vice which all good Man should shun him for.

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Fame is as difficult to be preserved, as it was at first to be acquired.

The greatest Pleasure Wealth can afford us, is that of doing Good. 'Tis a happy Thing when a Man's Pleasure is also his Perfection.

Vice is covered by wealth, and virtue by poverty.

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No man can lay himself under an obligation to do an ill thing. Pericles, when one of his friends importuned his service in an unjust matter, excused himself, saying, I am a friend as far as the altar.

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