

MAGNA Britannia her Colonias REDUC'D.



EXPLANATION

The above Prophetical Emblem, of what would be the Miserable State of Great Britain and her Colonias, should she persist in restraining their Trade, destroying their Currency, and Taxing their People by Laws made by a Legislature, where they are not Represented. The Author with a Sagacity and Invention natural to himself, has compriz'd in one View, under the Character of Belisarius, the late Flourishing State of Great Britain, in the Zenith of Glory and Honour, with her Fall into the most Abject State of Disgrace Misery and Ruin. Belisarius was one of the greatest Heroes of the Antients. He lived under Justinian the Emperor; He gain'd a Victory over and concluded an Honourable Peace with Cabadas King of Persia; Took Carthage and Subdued Gildimer the Usurper of the Crown of the Vandals, Overthrew Vitigis and restored the Throne of the Goths when offer'd to him; Rebuilt the Walls of Rome after they were destroyed by Totila, and performed many other Military Achievements too tedious to enumerate. In this Part of his Character is represented the late Successful and Flourishing State of Great Britain, which assist the King of Prussia against the Powerful Armies of Hungary and Russia; Supported Portugal against the Spaniards, and reduc'd France and Spain to the most Advantageous Terms of Accommodation.

By the latter Part of Belisarius's Life is represented the Unhappy and Miserable State of Great Britain, should the late Measures against America take Place. The General at length being accus'd of a Conspiracy against Justinian, that Emperor barbarously Order'd his Eyes to be pulled out, which reduc'd him to the greatest Poverty, and Oblig'd him to Subsist on the Alms of others. The Motto is also striking, and dogmatically Expressive of this Truth *DATE OBOLUM BELLSARIO* Give Poor Belisarius a Penny. View the Countenance of Great Britain under this Character, and you Perceive nothing but Abject Dependancy; Her Eyes, and the Stumps of her mangled Arms rais'd towards Heaven in Vain. Behold her Colonias, the Source of her Commerce, Wealth and Glory, Separated from her Body, and no longer useful to her. The Famous English Oak Deprived of its Wide Extended Top and late flourishing Branches, save a few, and those with its Body wither'd and Decay'd. The Ground beneath it producing nothing but Bryars and Thorns. The British Ships, the Instruments of her Trade, with Brooms on their Topmasts, denoting that they are Abandoned for Sale, being no longer either necessary or useful to her People. Her Shield which she is incapable of Waiving, laying useles by her. The Laurel Branch drooping from it, and of Pennsylvania, which she is unable to retain. And in Fine, Britannia herself sliding of the World, no longer Court'd by the Powers of Europe; No longer able to Sustain its Balance; No longer respected or known among Nations.

Moral

The Political Moral of this Picture is Now easily discovered, History affords us many Instances, of the Ruin of States, by the Prosecution of Measures, ill suited to the Temper and Genius of its People. The Ordaining of Laws in favour of one Part of the Nation to the Prejudice and Oppression of Another, is certainly the most erroneous & Mistaken Policy. An Equal Deprivation of Protection Rights Priviledges and Advantages, is what every Part is entitled to, and ought to enjoy; It being a Matter of no Moment to the State whether a Subject grows rich and flourishing on the Thames or the Tyne in Edinburgh or Dublin. These Measures never fail to Create great and Violent Jealousies and Animosities between the People favoured and the People Oppressed. From whence a total Separation of Affections Interests, Political Obligations and all manner of Connections necessarily Enflow, by which the whole State is weakened and perhaps ruined forever.

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