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WHEN the death of men diſtinguiſhed by ſuperior talents, high endowments, and eminent ſervices to their country, demands the expreſſion of public mourning and grief; their loſs is accompanied generally with this mitigation, that, however grievous and painful, it is not irreparable; and that the void, cauſed by their mortality, will perhaps be filled up by others, uniting equal abilities with the ſame zeal and watchfulneſs for the general welfare. Hope then wipes off the tears, with which ſorrow bedews the grave of departed worth. But on the preſent occaſion, no ſuch conſolation can be adminiſtered; for he, whoſe expectations are moſt ſanguine, dares not promiſe again to his country the union of ſo many ſplendid and uſeful virtues, as adorned that illuſtrious Man, whoſe memory excites our grateful and tender ſenſibility, and to whoſe tomb the homage of his country is to be ſolemnly offered on this day. Whether we

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