

Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke Quotes

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Our liberty cannot be taken away unless the people are themselves accomplices.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

History is philosophy teaching by example and also by warning.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

Faction is to party what the superlative is to the positive. Party is a political evil, and faction is the worst of all parties.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

A long novitiate of acquaintance should precede the vows of friendship.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

The fire of my adversity has purged the mass of my acquaintance.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

God himself, with reverence be it spoken, is not an absolute but a limited monarch, limited by the rule which infinite wisdom prescribes to infinite power.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

To converse with historians is to keep good company; many of them were excellent men, and those who were not, have taken care to appear such in their writings.

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Worry is the only insupportable misfortune of life.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

Cunning pays no regard to virtue, and is but the low mimic of reason.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

What a world is this, and how does fortune banter us!

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

Indifference must be a crime in us, to be ranked but one degree below treachery; for deserting the commonwealth is next to betraying it.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

I think it indisputable that the distance between the intellectual faculties of different men is greater than that between the same faculties in some men and some other animals.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

There is so much trouble in coming into the world, and so much more, as well as meanness, in going out of it, that it is hardly worth while to be here at all.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

The greatest art of a politician is to render vice serviceable to the cause of virtue.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

I have read somewhere or other, - in Dionysius of Halicarnassus, I think, - that history is philosophy teaching by examples.

~Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke

Lawyers must pry into the recesses of the human heart, and become well acquainted with the whole moral world, that they may discover the abstract reason of all laws.

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