

land would be but little benefited by the alliance ; the English would still be the weaker side, the force of Europe be diminished so much the more, and France only be advantaged. This is a kind of reasoning which must hold invariably just in all ages." I say, that not a single particle of such reasoning ever held good in any age, and there never was a more bare-faced insult, than such reasoning is upon the public understanding.

According to the considerer's apprehension, France, by the dispositions of the powers and differences in Europe, has every thing she can wish or desire. She has had it for these four or five years, at least, ever since we carried our troops into Germany. What has been the consequence ? Is France a greater, a richer, or more successful power, through the blunders of Britain ? Has she enlarged her territory ? Has she increased her revenue ? Has she repaired her marine ? Has she dictated, as formerly, to the British councils ? No. I will give the considerer an answer, that, in one single word, comprehends folios of logic, and reams of reasoning. France, with all the advantages which the mistaken policy of Great-Britain has given her, is now a declared