

and improvement, warned by recent and terrible example, she resolutely guards against the machinations of those (if it be possible there should be any such) who, while they profess to reform, are secretly meditating to destroy.

II. Let us not despair of the country.

A nation can hardly be conceived to have sustained a greater loss than this nation has actually experienced in the last twelve months, in its naval, its military, and its political departments: and the last may justly be regarded as the greatest of all. This nation, the continent of Europe, and the human race, are at this hour mourning orphans, bereaved of the paternal counsels of this illustrious statesman, whose measures were always directed to the liberty, and the happiness of mankind. But, though there is just cause for deep and permanent regret, there is no reason for despair. The British constitution lives. And so firmly are its parts cemented together, and so har-