

dart his beams of intelligence, through the misty, hazy atmosphere of Sir Francis's head. Thus removed from the bright influence of his oracular luminary, the motion was made in "darkness visible." If I were his enemy, I would counsel him to speak frequently in the House:—if his friend, to be silent, until he had a mob to address, or occasion to expose the government of the new prison; such an assembly and a subject,* are calculated for his eloquence, and powers of investigation. A little calm leisure and contemplation in *one* of the cells, might help his pursuit, furnish him with facts, and introduce him to *better* companions, than he has sometimes at Wimbledon. However, if he follow up the motion it may not be amiss to give a short account of the office of Lord High Admiral of England: it may prevent his blushes, much misrepresentation, and an unhal- lowed use of your Majesty's name. The Lord

* Mr Tooke has a considerable annuity secured on the estate of Sir Francis Burdett. Mr. Bosville (who is always generous, hospitable, and charitable) subscribed a large sum towards the purchase of the annuity—It has been reported, that Sir Francis has been more anxious to substantiate the complaints against Governor Aris, with a view to the nomination, and induction of his moral and political Governor, Mr. Tooke, as Governor of the Bastile. On the accomplishment of which appointment Sir Francis is said to expect that Mr. Tooke will cancel the deed of annuity. I admit that Mr. Tooke has just *sensibility* enough for a goaler, but I discredit the report—Sir Francis is too warmly devoted, and Mr. Tooke has too great pride and gratification in continuing to be obliged to Sir Francis, to think of taking any place for the annuity.