

ment of the fraudulent protection which the Danish flag has afforded to the commerce of the enemy: and even, in the renewal of the commercial treaties of the Court of Petersburg, with those of Portugal and Naples (the very last treaties of this nature, which have been made in Europe, and therefore, the most recent instances of this modern practice), those articles, which recognize the maxims of the armed neutrality, were purposely and deliberately erased from the drafts, in which they had been inadvertently inserted, in conformity to the former treaties.

It is, therefore, incontestible, that the most modern practice of Europe is equally favourable to the rights of Great Britain as the most ancient usage; and that the only testimony which can be produced against us, is to be found in the clamour of our enemies, encouraged and prolonged by those amongst ourselves, to whom any measure requires no other recommendation, than its tendency to weaken our resources, to dispirit our navy, and to disable us from maintaining a contest, in the issue of which our existence is involved.

I am, &c.

SULPICIUS.