

' it might never be recovered ; and if he could not
 ' prevail in this instance, he was resolved that this
 ' was the *last* time he should sit in that council.
 ' He thanked the ministers of the *late king* for their
 ' support ; said he himself was called into the mi-
 ' nistry by the people, to whom he considered him-
 ' self as accountable for his conduct ; and he would
 ' no longer remain in a situation which made him
 ' responsible for measures he was no longer allowed
 ' to guide.' In this grand and leading motion he was
 supported by lord Temple ; that nobleman had been
 his fellow compatriot and coadjutor from the be-
 ginning of his administration, and continued so to
 the end : all the rest opposed it. He now saw his
 influence in the state entirely at an end. He resolved
 on resigning : his motives for it were fair and honest :
 they were, as he knew himself able to answer and
 account for every part of his conduct hitherto, he
 thought this the properest time to resign his trust,
 when he could no longer be useful in the execution
 of it ; but must either obstruct and embarrass the mea-
 sures carried on by others, if he opposed them ; or sa-
 crifice his own fame and honour if he concurred in
 them contrary to his own conviction, and what he ap-
 prehended to be the interest of his country. Mr. Pitt
 and lord Temple immediately resigned, September 5,
 and they gave to his majesty their reasons in writing.
 The king expressed his concern for the loss of Mr.
 Pitt, and offered him any rewards in the power of
 the crown to bestow. To have refused would have
 been insult. Next day an annuity of 3000l. was
 settled on him, and a title was conferred on his lady
 and her issue. Never was a pension so well bestowed,
 nor nobility so truly merited. It is a shame any
 vindication should be necessary for the acceptance
 of the reward. He did not take it as pensions are
 commonly taken, as a bond for the receiver's future
 conduct. He is by it under no obligation ; it is no