

are now clearly ascertained, and ought to be correctly appreciated. We too, had our national Convention—we too, our Jacobin clubs, and the honours of the sitting—we too, our friends of the people—we too, our Corresponding societies—our patriots, pikes, red caps, and levellers, whose bewildered and frantic ideas, had divided the properties, and parcelled out the riches of the wealthy, amongst us. And what would have been the consequences, had they succeeded? The same unquestionably, which has been in France. For years, we should have remained a prey to every bad passion—to anarchy, cruelty, and confusion. The best of sovereigns, who had ruled over us for 50 years, in mildness and in mercy, would have been brought to the scaffold. His widowed Queen butchered—his family dispersed, destitute, and forsaken, would have been kidnapped in a foreign land, to be shot by midnight assassins on their own. The guillotine would have been erected at the door of our Courts of Justice, in the halls of which the Judges would have been found seated on the bench, with a dagger in their belts, and a pair of loaded pistols, ready cocked, before each of them. Our national character lost—our morals corrupted and destroyed—our trade and commerce ruined—the slaves of a military despotism—unfit for social life, breakers of sacred treaties, and solemn oaths, a scourge to ourselves, and a terror to our neighbours; instead of dictating from the highest pinnacle of true glory and greatness, a peace to our inveterate enemies in Paris, we should have had a collected and indignant world, dictating to us the most abject submission in London.

In speaking of the French nation, with the asperity which I have done, let me not be misunderstood. By these, I have all along meant that dreadful and diabolical party, who brought round the Revolution, and who has trode her under foot, and directed her mighty energies to bring ruin on Europe, and destruction upon herself. I am aware, that in France, are many worthy men; but these are borne down by an opposite party, strong in numbers, and merciless in power. Their voice is not heard, or where raised, is treated with derision and scorn. It is not these, the peaceable and well disposed part of that nation which I allude to; but to those who murdered their King, and denied their God—to those worshipers of the Goddess of

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