

sacrificed Russia to him. But, to point the indignity more directly to Great Britain, of all the powers in Europe, which did he choose for his mediator? Spain. Do we ask of what description were the belligerent powers, that Spain should manifest such an interest in their reconciliation? One we shall find to be, in effect, the ally of Great Britain, and the other likely to become its enemy in the event of hostilities with Spain. Thus, whether we follow him to Madrid, or to Paris, or to Stockholm, we shall find the British Minister baffled or insulted in every quarter. Flattery finds out a soothing balm for every mind. But a Minister's character in foreign Courts, where men have nothing either to gain or to lose by their opinions, is known by his effect with them. I try him at Madrid, by his Counter-Declaration; at Paris, by the Family Compact; in the North, by the peace between Sweden and Russia, made without his consent or his knowledge, directly against his interests, and negotiated under the sanction of his avowed adversary, who had given him notice that she meant to search Europe for alliances to oppose him. It is there that I read with shame the degree to which my country is degraded, when she suffered an ally to be literally forced out of her hands at the only moment in which he began to be serviceable,