

of his countrymen in the most solemn, proud and honourable manner, by an unanimous vote of thanks given by the legislature to the Duke of Kent for his public services. What assembly, whose dispatch, which Gazette, what open act of the Houses of Lords and Commons, has dared to censure the Duke of York with any testimonial of his wisdom, valour, vigilance, exploits? there is not one, Sir,—he is Commander-in-Chief, but he cannot produce any document from abroad, or record at home, which marks him to you or to Europe, either as a successful or *particularly* skilful General; he is patron of the Lying-in Hospital, and of other charities. In this character he may be able to give some testimonials in his favour, for he has received, no doubt, letters of thanks from the objects whom he has made patients and has relieved; perhaps also, the gentle and benvolent spirit of my lamented and deceased friend, Sutton, may sing in grateful accents the bounty of the Duke of York* towards his son. Sir,

* Here let me indulge in the recollection of my former friendship for this gentleman, and my present feelings for his son, while I take occasion to proclaim to the world that the generosity and benevolence of the Duke of York continues to educate that son at the school his father had selected for him—such motives are really pure; such conduct is worthy of royalty, rank, and fortune. Justice to His Royal Highness, and gratitude as the friend of the unfortunate Sutton, demand from me this acknowledgment; I make it with a gratification equal to the felicity the Duke enjoys in the contemplation of an act of philanthropy, unmingled with any