

ment de tambours couvre sa voix. Il se retourne, s'abandonne aux bourreaux, sa tête tombe, et la foule s'écoule en silence.

Louis XVI étoit âgé de trente huit ans, et en avoit régné dix-huit. La postérité ne le jugera pas sur le témoignage des écrits que les factions enfantent dans les temps de révolution. Elle ne confirmera pas les noms odieux que ces écrits lui prodiguent. Il étoit bon, humain, déliroit sincèrement de procurer le bonheur du peuple. Ceux qui l'abordoient sans qu'il s'y attendit, le trouvoient quelquefois brusque et farouche. Il étoit bon mari, bon père, excellent maître; mais en général, il étoit plus estimé qu'aimé dans sa cour. Louis XVI avoit des connoissances; il aimoit la lecture. Avec beaucoup de bon sens, dans les occasions importantes, il étoit timide et irrésolu. S'il avoit le courage de réflexion, il manquoit du courage d'intrépidité, qui plaît au François.

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*Some account of Mr. Peltier, extracted from Mr. Cabbett's letter to Mr. Mac Intosh, on his defence of Peltier.*

Mr. Peltier, is no stranger, Sir, in England; no, nor in any other country where literature is known. Mr. Peltier is not so much a stranger in England as you are, Sir; and, as to the rest of the world, there is not a day, when he is not spoken of with admiration by thousands upon thousands who never have heard, and never will hear, the name of Mac Intosh pronounced. Mr. Peltier was amongst the very first to oppose the destructive principles of the French revolution, and, had there only been a few such men, a very small number, those principles never would have prevailed. Brissot, in speaking of

the *Acte des Apôtres* (one of the first of Mr. Peltier's works), declared that it did more harm to the republican cause than all the armies of the allies. This gentleman had, at the moment when he honoured you with his defence, been fifteen years engaged, most earnestly engaged, without an hour's relaxation or repose, in the cause of royalty against republicanism, of social order against anarchy, of religion against blasphemy. In the progress of these his most laudable endeavours he had written, translated and compiled, nearly a hundred octavo volumes, every part of which had had an immense circulation, and the whole must have produced in the world a considerable portion of that effect, which has obtained; for this country, a respite, at least, from destruction? He attacked the revolutionary monster with every species of weapon, reason, eloquence, and ridicule. That this last is not usually the least efficacious has been but too amply proved by Voltaire who employed it as successfully for a bad purpose as Mr. Peltier has done for a good one. In the use of this weapon the latter has been particularly happy, and, in the midst of all his millions of pleasantries, he never has, notwithstanding the great hate in which many of his pieces must have passed from his pen to the public eye; he never has, in all his voluminous writings let fall one sentence calculated to encourage or to excuse vice of any sort: his wit has always been held in due subordination to virtue and religion. As a striking and most honourable proof of the great talents and sound principles of Mr. Peltier, I shall here cite the testimonial given, no longer ago than the 16th instant, under the hand and seal of His Royal Highness the Prince of Condé.—“The attachment which “Mr. Peltier has constantly shewn “in his writings, to the person of the “unfortunate Louis the XVth, as