

mendation or reprobation on that account ; or for the justification of any measure, not justifiable in itself. At the same time, it is far from the author's intention to reprehend with severity those errors in others, to which he has shown himself liable ; and which are indeed to be found inscribed on the pedigree of every son of Adam.

If an end could be put to the war with America, and the subjects of dispute between the two countries brought into discussion before an equitable tribunal ; it would matter but little to what administration the nation was indebted for so great a benefit. True it is, that on all American concerns, the nation has to deplore the loss of the philanthropic statesman, who considered every blow struck at that country as recoiling on this ; and it would be rather cynical, looking to this object, not to desire a participation in the national councils by the amiable *Elève* to whom he has left with his mantle a double portion of his good spirit. It never could have been the intention of either of these men to invade the rights of the United States. And, if the order of May, 1806, according to the latitude of its terms and the construction which the opposition, become Ministers, found it convenient to put upon it, may be literally pronounced illegal ; we know, on the other hand, that it was neither intended, nor suffered, by those who issued it, to work any practical injury or invasion of the rights of neutrals. It is by no means a solecism, in the history of diplomacy, for a state to issue an order, on the spur of a sudden occasion, which it is easily induced on reflection or remonstrance to abandon. An order not unlike this, but much more extensive, and less equivocal in the invasion of neutral rights, was issued in the first year of William and Mary, in which the Dutch concurred, but it was found not to