

CONCLUSION.

A PERUSAL of the cases before mentioned I have no doubt, will satisfy every impartial reader that I have not, in the previous statement, asserted any thing that is not supported by facts. The contrast between the conduct of Great Britain and of France towards America, will appear in a striking point of view. It will not only appear that the Orders in Council were extorted by the Decrees of the French ruler as a measure of self-defence against those decrees ; that they were, under all the circumstances, not only moderate, but even passive ; and that the mode in which they have been acted upon, contrasted with the conduct of the French cruizers, and the subsequent decisions of the Council of Prizes, deserves, in an exemplary degree, the praise of forbearance.

In two cases, in particular, I have given the general substance of the discussion, which will shew the little regard felt by the Council of Prizes to the general law of nations, to solemn treaties between nation and nation, and even to the equitable interpretation of the tyrannical and absurd decrees of their own imperious master.