

our own. Such a mode of approving one's zeal for the latter reminded him of the man who signed the thirty-nine articles, and said he wished there were a hundred and thirty-nine more, that he might have signed them too, to prove his orthodoxy. Nothing but the ignominious terms which his right honourable friend had heaped on him (Mr. Burke said, loud enough to be heard, that he did not recollect he had used any). My right honourable friend, said Mr. Fox, does not recollect the epithets: they are out of his mind: then they are completely and for ever out of mine. I cannot cherish a recollection so painful, and from this moment they are obliterated and forgotten. Mr. Fox then pursued his argument, and expressed his surprise that his right honourable friend had talked of the friends who sat near him as a phalanx, and as disciplined troops; if by that he meant that any improper influence had been exercised, or attempted to be exercised, on their minds, he disclaimed the idea; and indeed his right honourable friend best knew, so long as he had acted with them, when any such influence had been exercised over his own mind. He declared he could not but be sorry that such a character of a party linked together on the most honourable principles should come from one of their own corps. He had imagined that his right honourable friend knew more of them than to impute such conduct to men of their description. The fact was, Mr. Fox said, that upon his honour no one of the honourable gentlemen near him, who had risen that day, and called his honourable friend to order, had been desired by him to do so; on the contrary, wherever he was likely to have his application complied with, he had earnestly entreated his friends not to interrupt the right honourable gentleman. He admitted that no friendship should exist in the way of public duty; and if his right honourable friend thought he did service to the country by blasting the French revolution, he must do so, but at the same time he must allow others, who thought diffe-