

ponding indifference from those, who, residing in the colonies, must be sensible, that they themselves or their posterity would be involved in the national dissensions, which such excess of misnamed liberality would ultimately and most unnecessarily occasion.

When those, who influence the counsels and measures of a state, become indifferent to the extension of the language and characteristics, by which its inhabitants are distinguished, there is nothing to be expected from their patriotism; and when the indifference is general among the people, instead of being confined to the rulers, it is said to mark the want of energy and public feeling, which usually precedes the decline of nations.—

Whether such indifference exist either in the rulers or in the people of Great Britain, it is not our purpose to enquire. But this much is certain, that there is now a French power rising into existence in America, not however raised up fairly and openly in its true colours as such, for, if so, it would ere this have excited just and general alarm,—but in fact, in the process of being called into life, and advanced towards the full strength of maturity under the specious guise of a British colony!

When this veil of disguise shall be removed, and distant but unavoidable consequences fully, and fairly exposed (and soon must this be done) the effects of such exposure on the feelings of our colonies and indeed all America, it may be more easy to anticipate than to remedy. Such policy