

a CONSTITUTIONAL m——, to propose the maintaining no more, than what may be adequate to this necessity. At the conclusion of the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, * “ that infamous “ peace, when the glory and interests of this country were sacrific’d to the ambition and power of France,” at least, when that nation, not baffled in every corner of the globe by an unsuccessful war, meant only to take breath, in order to renew the attack with greater vigour; the whole force demanded by the m——, for the defence of this island, Ireland, Gibraltar, Minorca, the West-Indies, and that vast tract of frontier in America, which, by the unconvulsiveness of the article relating to it, was left expos’d to the insidious, and soon repeated, attempts of our enemy; I say, at that time, the army, propos’d by the WHIG m——s, was only forty-nine regiments, besides the guards: what, now is our situation compar’d with the present circumstances of France, and what force is intended, by the m——, to be kept up? France, is by the war reduc’d, both in strength and reputation, to a very low ebb; the conduct of our commanders, and the spirit of our sailors and soldiers, have rais’d a name to this country, that our enemy will not soon forget; our possessions, *by the renunciations of the peace*, are not

* The language of the present Administration.