

It supposes a Commentator of some candor; and moderation; not violently in love with our measures, but desirous of Peace with us; no statesman, nor partizan of the Government; but a culler of authentic papers;—affecting to contradict nothing that can, and to assert nothing that cannot, be proved.

February 18th, 1813.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

IN consenting to the publication of a second edition of this work in the Pamphleteer, the author is influenced by the two-fold consideration, of the ephemeral nature of the work; and the utility that may possibly be derived from its preservation. It certainly controverts very general opinions; not to say matters of fact, asserted under very grave authority. Yet a re-consideration of the subject, with leisure to inspect the documents hastily referred to from memory, has produced no wish to amend, and very little to explain or embellish, either the assertions or the sentiments contained in it.

With an honest desire to have the important subjects it treats of fairly before the public; a conviction of the truth it portrays; and a humble assurance of a readiness to abandon any position that may be shown to have been