

quest, were watered with our tears—for it never can be forgotten, amongst other objects of regret to check the spirit of our gratulations on this accession to the empire of Britain, that it was purchased with the blood of one of her bravest heroes! purchased by the death of the immortal Wolfe, and numberless others who fought and fell at his side.

Our annals abound with instances of the gallantry and success of our fleets and armies; of the vigour and intrepidity with which our sailors and soldiers have attacked, conquered, and subdued the enemies of the empire;—but they likewise shew how supinely careless we become of those solid advantages which the conquest and acquisitions of new dependencies ought and would bestow, under wise and wholesome regulations; and how negligent we have been of one of the first duties of government, in