

war, in alliance with us. The commercial treaty of 1794, between this country and America, was framed in conformity to our system, which Mr. Jefferson *, no partial advocate for Great Britain, publicly declared to be consonant to the laws of nations. Even the claim of exempting neutrals by convoy from visitation, has, within the last ten years, been expressly disavowed by France ; and, within the last twelve months, no less expressly by America. France has acted, during all the present war, not only in violation of the principle she now maintains, but in breach of every law, which she ever recognized for herself, or prescribed to others. During the same period, Spain has acted in conformity to the British code, both when in alliance with Great Britain, against France, and when with France, against Great Britain.

Even Russia, the first and principal assertor of the novel maxims of the armed neutrality of 1780, has, in the course of the present war, not only formally renounced those principles, in repeated treaties with this country, but has undertaken to use, and has actually used, her influence with others to the same effect. The commerce of Denmark was, not long since, threatened to be excluded from the Russian ports, in resent-

* See Appendix, E and F.