

a precedent manifestation of preparatives and menaces from that enemy, as aggravated, beyond measure, the infamy of our loss.

It was then, no wonder, that the nation alarmed in good earnest, at so shocking an event, should look out for some defenders of its deserted or betrayed interest. In this impatience, it was natural, though perhaps not quite so wise, to take the readiest.

There was then a man who had once before made a figure in the opposition to court-measures, which opposition he had quitted for that valuable consideration, called a post, and quitted it with such a quickness of turn and conversion, as not to keep the measures of common decency either with the public, or with himself, after which he for a number of years ran as tame and mute along with the ministerial pack, as the most thoroughly broke of them all, however *strange* he might always look upon them. Upon this occasion, however of the national distress, nothing could be easier than to foresee that the actual management of things could not long hold out against the cla-