

of a burthened though not exhausted country have been profusely lavished, in the prosecution of a policy from which we could anticipate nothing but disaster : that both the existence of our armies, and the reputation of our military character, have been wantonly committed, to a contest in which it was evident that not even all the valour of our troops afforded any prospect of success : and that, as well by the rashness of our original determinations, as by the want of all plan, concert, and preconsidered system, and the deficiency of the means which such enterprises most required, we have ultimately exposed our own domestic safety to the same dangers which we have in vain endeavoured to avert from others.

These sentiments rest indeed on such knowledge only of those transactions as the public has been hitherto permitted to obtain, and I fully agree with you, that in order to arrive at a correct judgment of the measures