

since happened that we have not only surmounted every danger, but have become so prosperous at home, and respectable abroad, as almost to have lost, within so short a period, even the memory of our recent distresses, will appear on a review of the measures, which have been carried into effect since the meeting of the Parliament of 1784.

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The affairs of INDIA, which had been the subject of so much contention in the late House of Commons, and which had occasioned the subsequent appeal made to the people, naturally became the first object of concern to the new Parliament. Here two principal evils presented themselves, for which it was their duty to provide.

First, the misgovernment of our territories in India, which had so recently engaged us in destructive and ruinous wars, and which, by the system of oppression which was alleged to prevail, reflected dishonour on the British name.

Secondly, the apprehended bankruptcy of the Company, in which the finances and credit of this kingdom would have been deeply involved.

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