

In proportion as ingratitude and neglect have spread their baneful influence over the marine of this kingdom, liberality and honours have infused a spirit of ardour and emulation in those of other states. To the great encouragement given, to the high respect paid to the meritorious, though abandoned officers of the British navy, does the aspiring *Catharine* owe the present consequence of her marine; a consequence which now requires an armament to be kept on foot; and which, there is a probability, will, in a few months (I assert it as a fact, that such is the apprehension of administration) give occasion for again calling upon those men, who are now, to use their own language, publicly spoken at the Admiralty, *groaning under the oppression of kindness, in having been employed.*

The ordonnance, issued in France, in the year 1762, immediately on the close of a disastrous and unsuccessful war, shews the different policy our wiser neighbours thought proper to adopt, respecting their marine. I shall here quote the order.

“ His Majesty being fully informed of the
 “ rules and orders of the establishment of his sea
 “ officers, and *having considered that such appointments were inadequate and insufficient*, and desiring
 “ to animate them with a true sense of national
 “ glory, and that they may not be ESTRANGED

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