

tor, in the beginning of this transaction, declared to Sir James Wright, that, to the best of his remembrance, *Lord Chatham had never once named Lord Bute to him.*

Lord Bute, in another part of his letter, says, "that he was extremely surpris'd with a conversation Sir James said Dr. Addington wish'd to be reported to him. It was in substance "Lord Chatham's opinion of the alarming condition we were in, and the necessary measures to be immediately taken upon it." Lord Bute cannot possibly here refer to any thing, except to the paper, No. II, which is printed in the Authentic Account. The opinion contained in that paper of the *necessary measures* to be taken, is only in *general terms*, "that, *if any thing can prevent the consummation of public ruin, it can only be new counsels and new counsellors, &c.*" and this communication did not proceed spontaneously from my father, but was in answer to Sir James Wright's letter, of February 2, which was by his desire communicated to Lord Chatham.

The latter part of Lord Mountstuart's letter relates to Lord Chatham's expression, *that Lord Bute had brought the King and kingdom to ruin.* What reason Lord Chatham had at that time for thinking that Lord Bute influenced the measures of Government, it would be presumption in me to examine; nor is it for me to enquire, whether he was or was not deceived in his opinion of the public ruin. But in this single instance,