

it cannot fail to produce the most lamentable consequences, and extend the means relied on by France for annihilating the maritime power of Great Britain.

Thus the principles and views of the advocates of the new system become apparent; for though in other parts of this work, it is (but seemingly with reluctance) admitted, "that the policy of favouring our *own* shipping, cannot be doubted\*," yet there pervades throughout the whole of this examination of the conduct of Great Britain towards America, so strong a disposition to depreciate and lessen, the just popularity with which the recent energetic measures of the present administration have been received throughout the country, that little doubt can be entertained, that such is the real object of the publication. If, fortunately, these measures are not relaxed, but are adhered to and enforced†, it being evident, "His Majesty cannot *otherwise* get out of the war with safety," the people may anticipate a successful termination of it; for on that depends the MARITIME power of GREAT BRITAIN, which constitutes at present the only barrier to universal despotism and misery, and on which the nation must rely for the continuance of its liberties and independence.

"Qui mare teneat, eum necesse rerum potiri."

"On the right of Great Britain to issue such‡ instructions

\* Mr. Baring's Examination, p. 167.

† See the Antijacobin Review for February, 1808, p. 204, for some very patriotic observations on this subject.—"The king who makes war on his enemies *tenderly*, distresses his own subjects *most cruelly*." —Dr. JOHNSON.

‡ "The decrees of the *lords of the ocean* may be unjust and oppressive, but *they are still mild*, when contrasted with the mere *sic volo*, which would issue from the court of the *universal* sovereign of both elements."—Mr. BARING, p. 119.

"We are the *Neptunes of the ocean*,

And such as traffick shall pay sacrifice

Of their best lading;" —MASSINGER.

"*Lords of the world's great waste, the ocean*, we

Whole forests send to reign upon the sea;

And ev'ry coast may trouble, or relieve:

But none can visit us *without your leave*."

WALLER's Panegyric on Cromwell.

"Desp'ring *Gaul* her boiling youth restrains,

*Dissolv'd* her dream of *universal* sway;

The winds and seas are BRITAIN's wide domain;

And not a sail, but by *permission*, spreads."

THOMSON's Liberty.