

the human family ? What an abject condition should we be in ! How great would be our fall ! How irretrievable our ruin ! What a melancholy contrast to that manly independence and unexampled prosperity which we enjoyed under the first administrations of our government ! Look over the interior of Continental Europe, where not long ago kingdoms and republics stood and prospered ; where deliberative assemblies acted with independence and effect, and the voice of numerous authorities was heard. A death-like silence now reigns over all. Not a motion but what is in obedience to individual will. Not one dares pour his complaints into the bosom of another. The deep-drawn sigh is half suppressed. The sunburnt female, whose hands draw from the soil the means of her subsistence, dares not audibly express her grief to the enquiring traveller, that her brothers have been torn away from her afflicted parents to serve in the armies.* Are we prepared to precipitate ourselves into a state of degradation and misery bordering upon this ? If we would not, let us, as fast as we can, get back again to peace, impartiality, and independence.

In a very few words the apology is to shew,

IV. What will be the salutary and benign effects, should this heresy triumph over our country, and supersede, by a general influence, that philosophic and political orthodoxy, which, to our eye, is a mere system of infidelity, infatuation and ruin. These effects are obvious. From past experience and the nature of the case we may conclude, that our divisions would be removed, and union would be restored to us, as a people ; that cabal, and tumult and riot would cease ; that the wounds inflicted on our country would be healed ; that peace would immediately take place upon honorable terms ; that commerce would be restored to its full vigor ; that the public credit would be raised ; that a new spring would be given to useful improvements ; that religion would be disembarassed of many of its present impediments ; that the freedom of debate and of the press would be recovered ; that ambitious demagogues, and office-seekers, and men of mere party,

* This is not mere painting. Such cases have actually come under the view of travellers.