

the whole continent ; or until they shall have brought on some national convulsion at home, perhaps the destruction of their country.

It is a matter of astonishment to me that Ministers, how little soever they may value the interests of their country, should not at least begin to entertain some apprehension for themselves. It is a hazardous responsibility which no wise man would take upon himself, To lead a country to ruin. They have already involved us in a war with one branch of the House of Bourbon, and Spain is under arms.* When the day of terror and consternation comes, Will the nation stand their friend, in return for that unvaried system of falsehood and deception, under which they have wasted millions upon millions, destroyed thousands upon thousands of their fellow subjects, and have made an universal sacrifice of the beneficial interests, the honour and the reputation of their country ?—Will an obsequious parliament protect them ?—Let them not trust too far to that. The day may come when a ministerial majority may hide their diminished heads : that complacent Majority are best suited to success and fair weather. If the storm begins to gather, the tables may be turned, and Ministers themselves may be bought and sold. Thus much for what is called the ministerial majority. However things are not yet come to that pass, that this ministerial majority is the whole body of Parliament. The county members and country gentlemen carry respect and confidence wherever they go. They may be liable to deceptions as other men are, but it is not possible to suppose that they can have any interest, adverse to the good of their country. If their country falls, they must fall too. They are the most disinterested parliamentary guardians of their country, because they are most interested in its safety and welfare.—Will Ministers take refuge in the crown for protection ?—They

* The following List may be depended upon as an authentic.

Lista de la Esquadra que esta al presente armada, y preparada para hacerse à la Vela, en Cadiz, boi 12 Sept. 1778.

Navios.	Canones.	Navios.	Canones.	Navios.	Canones.
La Santissima Trinidad	122	El Diligente	- - - 70	El Dragon	- - - 60
El Fenix - - - -	80	El San Pedro Apostol	- 70	El Astuto - - - -	60
El Rayo - - - -	80	El Guerrero - - -	70	El San Isidoro - - -	60
El San Fernando - -	80	El Poderoso - - -	70	La America - - - -	60
El San Luis - - - -	80	El San Isidra - - -	70	El San Leandro - - -	54
El San Nicholas de Bari	80	El Victorioso - - -	70	<i>Fragatas.</i>	
La Princefa - - - -	70	El Angel de la Guarda	70	La Liebre - - - -	36
El San Joseph - - -	70	El San Pablo - - -	70	La Santa Lucia - - -	36
El San Lorenzo - - -	70	El Oriente - - - -	70	La Santa Rufina - - -	36
La Santa Isabel - - -	70	El Atlante - - - -	70	La Santa Cecilia - - -	36
El San Francisco de Asis	70	El Velasco - - - -	70	El Carmen - - - -	30
El Santo Domingo - -	70	El Glorioso - - -	70	La Santa Barbara - - -	30
El San Pasqual Baylon	70	El Terrible - - - -	70	La Santa Monica - - -	30
El San Julian - - - -	70	El Monarca - - - -	70	La Esmeralda - - - -	30
El San Francisco de Paula	70	El Vencedor - - - -	70	La Santa Clara - - -	30
El San Raphael - - -	70	El San Miguel - - -	70	El Chebequin Andaluz	30
La Galicia - - - -	70	El San Eugenio - - -	70	27 ò 8 Urcas, & 40. 30 y 20	
El Gallardo - - - -	70	El Santiago Espana - -	60	<i>canones.</i>	

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