

to shew that America is in much greater danger than Great Britain.

It was necessary to prove that Great Britain stood at least on as firm ground as France previous to our illustration of the danger of America.

The danger of America, though uniform in its nature, will be more immediately connected with the state of things in Europe.

1st. It may arise from the continuance of the present war.

2. From a peace taking place among the belligerent powers:

3. From a new system of things arising on the continent, of which there is a great probability.

4. From the humiliation of England, which God avert.

It ought to be premised, that I argue upon the presumption that the same system will be continued in America which has directed her government for these eight years past. I shall not speak at present of the weakness of the general government, the jarring interests of the different states, nor the two factions in which the inhabitants appear to be divided. But I do not omit them as unimportant, on the contrary they will increase the danger of the country and accelerate its issue. The position of America in respect to the powers at war is at present most perplexing—they are neither the friends of France nor of England and justly suspected by both. As the French have domineered over the continent of Europe, and deprived the British of many commercial advantages, the latter will look around for new friends in more happy climates, to replace those they have lost. It would have been natural for them to have looked to the United States, inhabited by their children; but there they have been repulsed; they find among them the same opposition that they have met with in Europe, with less fairness; indeed they are deprived of their seamen, the very sinews of war, by forged protections and base collusions, and their staple articles of trade refused admittance with more severity than they are from the ports of open enemies. It is not therefore in the States that they must open new sources of trade. They find nothing but enmity, where they might have expected friendship. The consequence of this is evident, Great Britain will find it her interest to nourish rivals in trade to the States; for this purpose she will cherish the government of the Brazils by every method she can devise. She will assist the States of Spanish America to throw off their allegiance to their mother country, should it be con-