

value more and more. What one day was a principle of good faith, became the next a principle of self-preservation. By degrees, the most opposite and jarring factions began to co-operate. Even the people, for this once were satisfied with their Ministers ; and the man, who but a few weeks before would have been exhibited upon a lamp-post for hazarding a proposition the most remotely favourable to Spain, was now extolled to the skies, as possessing every quality that can distinguish the Patriot and the Statesman, for his share in the renovation of the Treaty.

Thus, at the moment in which this formidable confederacy was at the point of dissolution from causes peculiar to itself, when the whole circle of political events could offer but one to save it, Mr. Pitt condescendingly brought that event to the door of his adversaries ; namely, the necessity of a mutual union to the individual safety of each country. Actuated by a wise and comprehensive foresight, and not by a spirit of disputation and wrangling sophistry, had he preserved, and kept together, all the points for which he was contending, so as to drive Spain at once into an explicit avowal of those to which she meant to adhere—Had Mr. Fitzherbert been instructed to menace her with his return to  
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