

the Upper House this truth becomes more striking. The dignity of Peerage condescended to examine into the breeches of decayed seamen; and the first assembly in the nation, with a more than Gallic regard for the rules of decorum, consumed a day to settle the etiquette of salute between the chaplain and the pensioners of Greenwich hospital.

If we had therefore no other proof of existing danger but the proceedings of parliament, we should naturally conclude it ideal and imaginary. But when we look around, and behold in every part of the kingdom the most unusual preparations; the husbandman dragged from his peaceful occupation; the mariner torn from his wife and family; felons permitted to make their option between military service and infamous punishment; every purse open to the hand of Government; an intended invasion announced from the Throne;—we wake from the delusion, into which Parliament had plunged us, astonished at their inconsiderateness, and alarmed for our own situation.

With regard to our natural enemies, one sentiment only can prevail. But it becomes a question, whether, under our present circum-