

nothing comprehensive, appeared. Plan, design, permanence, were all out of the question. Every thing was little, narrow, and temporary. Men without any experience, who had never given any proof of capacity, and were intirely unknown to the public, were placed in the first offices; and the doctrine of the court was, that the King's choice was not to be questioned, and that the royal favour was to stand in the place of all qualification for public employment. In one respect, indeed, there was a plan formed in the interior of the court, and these proceedings were in prosecution of it—I mean a plan for securing the direction of the cabinet to the Earl of Bute for life, and the reversion of it to Mr. Jenkinson or such other person or persons as that nobleman should appoint:—a plan the most destructive to every good national purpose, and the best for the aggrandizement of a subject