

ing worthless servants, will remove him as soon as he is known. The artifices of demagogues may be again renewed ; but they are unmasked, and will not succeed. Instead of attending to their declamations against the regular authorities, and their cry that the constitution is in danger ; instead of trusting to their professions and their affected virtue and devotion for their country ; the people will examine them with a scrutinizing eye. They will look at their actions, and compare them with their words, their mask of virtue will disappear under a strict examination, and they will be found conspiring in obscurity against the peace of society, collecting the elements of discord ; and secretly devoting to destruction the honourable and the good.—In fine, the present age has demonstrated, that no great and decided amelioration of the lower classes of society can be reasonably expected : much improved they certainly may be ; but that foolish perfectability with which they have been deluded, can never be realized. Events seem to confound the reasonings of all political reformers. Of the two experiments made in *America* and *France* to constitute governments productive of virtue and happiness only, both have completely failed.—In the former, the most base and wretched policy is pursued ; and the latter ended in a military despotism. It is by peaceable and gradual steps, and not by revolutions, that the most solid improvements in the Science of government can be obtained.—It is in the power of God only to extract good from evil ; and in his hands the revo-