

would have proved very different from the ideas which it is now known were at that time prevalent in the governing councils of this kingdom." By this mode of accounting for it, you bring a charge against the American Secretary of endeavouring to withhold from his Sovereign useful and necessary information. This charge, it must be observed, rests merely upon your own authority; and when we consider that you are a party concerned; that your feelings appear to be unusually irritated, and your resentment warm; your authority cannot have that weight upon the present occasion, which upon all other occasions it is justly entitled to.

But the candid and the sensible will examine this charge as if brought by an indifferent person, and ascertain how far it could be the interest of the American Secretary to observe such a conduct; and if he wished to suppress your information, whether he took the means most probable to attain that end. By admitting you to the royal presence, your information, it is true, would be immediately told in the royal ear; and however unfavourable to the prevailing system, few are so ignorant of the arts of a court, and the persuasive