

British inhabitants, and like most of their
 brethren at home, began asserting their rights by cutting
 off the head of their general. Mr. Burke read the late
 accounts from St. Domingo, delivered to the National As-
 sembly, and added, that by way of equivalent for this
 information, M. Barnave announced the return of the
 members of the late Colonial Assembly, to the true prin-
 ciples of the constitution. The members of an assembly
 no longer in existence, had bequeathed their return to the
 principles of the constitution, as their last act and deed as
 a body, and this was an equivalent for all the horrors oc-
 casioned by troops joining in a rebellion, which they were
 sent to quell! Ought this example to induce us to send
 to our colonies a cargo of the rights of men? As soon
 would he send them a bale of infected cotton from Mar-
 seilles. If we had so little regard for any of our colo-
 nies, as to give them that, for the sake of an experiment,
 which we would not take to ourselves—if we were for
periculum in corpore vili, let us think how it would op-
 erate at home. Let us consider the effects of the French
 constitution on France, a constitution on which he looked
 not with approbation, but with horror, as involving every
 principle to be detested, and pregnant with every conse-
 quence to be dreaded and abominated, and the use which
 they proposed to make of it. They had told us them-
 selves; and their partisans in this country, the Revolu-
 tion and Unitarian societies, had told us that they had
 erected a great monument for the instruction of mankind.
 This was certainly done not without a view to imitation.
 Let us see what we were called on to imitate; what were
 the last acts of the contrivers of this glorious form of go-
 vernment. There were here no doubts of the facts, for
 they were related by the authors; and there were cases in
 which the falsest of men might be believed, namely, when
 they gave a true character of themselves. When they
 had got a constitution moulded according to the newest
 pattern of the rights of man; when they had got a king,
 who was every thing in name, and nothing in reality, over
 whom as a state prisoner the Marquis de la Fayette, the