

that he might have dissembled his horror at the murder of the royal family, and accepted satisfaction for the conspiracy into which the convention had entered with our own traitors, to subvert the throne and the constitution: they may believe it possible, that if Mr. Fox had been minister, the war might have broken out six months later; or to set no limits to credulity, they might believe, that if Mr. Fox had been minister, we should still have been at peace.—But if they had faith for all this; if they could submit their reason to all these dogmas of opposition, it would not follow that they should believe also, that if Mr. Fox were the minister in 1796, after the contrary of all these suppositions had taken place, he would submit to the decree of the convention, and dismantle the fleets of England, while France incorporated Savoy, the Netherlands, and all the left bank of the Rhine. They need not believe, because Mr. Fox had once wished for peace, that he would therefore throw away all the advantages of the war; that he would forget our conquests in the East, or the victory of the first of June, 1794, the destruction of half the French navy in the harbours of Toulon: they would not believe that Mr. Fox, any more than Mr. Pitt, or any one Englishman more than another, would submit to the preliminaries they exact, or come to a negotiation till France had repealed her decree; nay, I will