

calmly and firmly steps into that breach where he knows that certain death awaits him : I will rather conduct you to that scene, in which true heroism and fortitude exist in their most perfect state. The scene I wish to set before you is that of a vessel gradually sinking in the waves : destruction is inevitable, yet no man leaves his post : To the solicitations of the thoughtless, that they might be allowed to render themselves insensible previous to death ; alledging as a reason, that such a mode of acting could make no difference ; the answer was calm, yet decided ; " Let us die like men and not like brute beasts."* This conduct speaks for itself, and it cannot be rendered more striking by any comment.

I shall only farther add in the sixth place, that the spirit of the people is preserved by those benevolent and charitable institutions for which as a nation they are so famed. There is no country where such provision is made not only for the employment of the poor ; but also for their support, when they are unemployed or in distress :—And of all the people who have ever lived on the face of the earth ; none are so alive to the call of humanity, from whatever quarter, as they are. The wealth of the nation enables them to be thus liberal and charitable, but I would not wish to consider wealth as really contributing to the strength of a nation, without the other circumstances which

* See account of the loss of the Abergavenny.—*Naval Chronicle* for 1805.

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