

unplu to every honest man who has voted for the grant, that he has softened the acrimony of religious dissensions, and has made their country a seat of happiness and of comfort to millions of poor and loyal subjects.

The opposition made in the two last sessions to the limited and reasonable demands of the Irish must raise a doubt in the minds of all men about the success of their present application.

But I trust, the real circumstances of the Irish nation were not *then known* to those gentlemen who thought it an *unnecessary* grant: and I also trust, that the several cities and towns of this island which pressed their opposition by a train of legal arguments, and a parade of council at your bar, as if the constitution or some points of *legal* importance had been in agitation, have been already satisfied that their fears were too hasty, and without foundation in fact.

If however the impolitic jealousy of trade should bring once more to your bar petitions against the grant proposed, it will be incumbent upon you, who sit in that house as supporters of the dignity of the empire, and as promoters of the general and essential interest of it in all its parts, not to gratify the feelings and the avarice of one or two corporations, or bodies of constituents, although you are invested with their right and represent them in parliament, at the expence of a principal member of the empire, and to the detriment and perhaps the ruin of a deserving and high spirited nation.

“ For if narrow and malignant politics should
 “ meet with success, you will reduce all your
 “ neighbouring nations to the same state of sloth
 “ and ignorance that prevails in Morocco or the
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