

cuted with glory and unanimity : then the supplies may be raised, ways and means found, and the debt of the civil list discharged, without throwing the kingdom into a ferment : then we may establish our own internal happiness at *home*; and, with WISDOM and SPIRIT in our councils, be respected by those who will otherwise soon be our enemies *abroad*.

Some where towards the beginning of this letter I happened to drop an expression, or a hint, concerning both "a desertion and deception of friends." Lest both, or either of these should be misrepresented, by some of those who foolishly vindicate the ministerial cause, it will be necessary to explain what may be called the great outline, which I hope will be sufficient to prevent any impositions on the public, with respect to an affair, that has more than once agitated the most eminent and respectable public companies and private gentlemen.

When a certain gentleman, whom I dare say you will easily recollect, understood that Mr. Onslow intended to resign the speakership of the house of commons, he first went and offered himself as speaker to the duke of Newcastle, and then held himself out in the same capacity to lord Bute, whose interest he solicited towards obtaining the royal approbation. This latter step was without the consent, or even knowledge of his great and noble friends, with whom it was then thought (though not quite clear of suspicion) he had in general acted through life *above-board*; and afterwards at least dissembled, if not denied the having done it. He then with the greatest earnestness supplicated their support on that occasion. A short time after this he acknowledged to several friends the *destination* of himself as