

We have been fighting France these seven years, and have met with little else but hard blows ; and now when there is some prospect of obtaining a recompence for the heroism and toils of our warriors, must their hands be tied up ? Must a peace be signed just when they are entering upon their harvest, and shall they be disbanded as a reward for all their services ?

Peace ! peace ! peace ! has been the cry since the nation first demanded vengeance on the Spaniards in return for their numerous insults. Indeed could any thing else be expected ? Or was it to be supposed, that they who industriously endeavoured to stave off this Spanish war, when the absolute necessity of it was first urged, would not as soon as possible wash their hands of all concern in it ?

Was it not for this reason, that when the first conquest was made on the Spaniards, it became necessary to treat it as a matter of little importance ?

When the Hermione's treasure was brought through the city, all signs of magnificence and illustrious parade were avoided ; perhaps as tending to inculcate a dangerous spirit to bravery and conquest among the people, who might from such intoxicating shews grow fond of the war, and tempted to join in it. Can the wisdom of our mo-