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preceding pages. To what cause this prosperity is *ultimately* owing, it is unnecessary to mention. Every one who is acquainted with the fact, will consider it as the happy consequence of a virtuous and able legislature, acting in support of a wise and steady system of government. And indeed, if from contemplating the general advantages which we have derived from the wisdom of the late Parliament, we turn our eyes towards their conduct upon a particular critical occasion, we shall find still greater subject for our gratitude and admiration. When the Sovereign was rendered incapable of exercising the powers of his station, and when there was, in the minds of most men, little probability of his being ever able to resume them, the Minister found himself still supported by the Representatives of the People. They stood forward to defend the prerogatives of the Crown, and to display their affection towards their Sovereign, and at a time when the patronage and power usually attendant upon Royalty, and which might otherwise have been supposed to influence their conduct, were transferred into other hands; they faithfully discharged their duty, looking to no other reward than the consciousness of having performed it. Elected by the people for the purpose of giving support to the Crown, in the just exercise of its lawful prerogative, they shewed by their subsequent conduct, the same steadiness in support