

that are best, especially as the business still seemed to be conducted by the ordinary ministers: and surely while nothing more was professed than quelling a mob, or punishing a refractory town, your Lordship's counsel was not requisite ;

*Nec deus interfit nisi dignus vindice nodus
Incederit.*

But now that we have smuggled a march, that we are passed over the preliminary steps, and are plunged, God knows why, into the very bowels of a civil war ; now that a political subject of doubtful enquiry is, by the most barbarous figure in rhetoric, committed to the mouth of a cannon, and from a single town the fiery argument has extended so far as to involve fourteen or fifteen provinces, your Lordship has thought proper to step forward and inform us that you are for blood. No plan of accommodation, no terms of peace are to be held out to the Americans, the sword is not to be stayed so much as for an hour ; nothing less than " absolute, unconditional" submission is to be accepted. We should not even talk of peace, for " much is to be done, and little said". The Americans must be absolutely subdued. The reason you have been pleased to give for this severe process is very remarkable. "*The Americans do not wish for peace, they have long been aiming at absolute independence* and will be satisfied with nothing