

The measures were still the same ; and the man the same who was to conduct them : and if he had not deserved the first extravagant applause, far less did he merit the new obloquy. The design was as likely to succeed under one administration as another, for the force to execute it was unaltered ; and neither the old nor new ministry had any share in its contrivance. The plan was his alone who stood entrusted with the execution of it ; and there neither was nor is any cause to doubt, but he would have pursued the true path to its success.

He is now returned : and in the place of that glory which he would probably have gained ; he has the unfair representations of interested men to combat ; and hears his conduct arraigned by those who have as little knowledge of the circumstances, as of the nature of the service.

This his lordship has passed hitherto, and I suppose will continue to pass over, unregarded. The good and great are above the notice of popular clamour : but what themselves despise, others often feel for them. I think the earl of Loudon would be as much above answering such accusations, as deserving them : but they are so easily refuted, that it were much to be regretted if none should do it.

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