

in favour of the supremacy of the parent-state ;—an authority of the more weight in consequence of the energetic part he took in denouncing what he conceived to be the real wrongs and grievances of America.

In the last great act of his life, when he closed his career of patriotism by a death brought on by his zeal in behalf of his country ;—in that last glorious stage of his exertions to benefit mankind, which has canonized and sanctified his name in the eyes of every admirer of public spirit and public virtue ; how warmly did he denounce the idea of abandoning the sovereignty of America !—as though he was anxious, before he sunk into the grave, to guard against the possibility of his name being adduced in support of those wild and revolutionary ideas which were as alien, as true liberty was dear, to his breast.

“ My lords,” he said, “ I rejoice that the
 “ grave has not closed upon me ; that I am still
 “ alive to lift up my voice against the dismem-
 “ berment of this ancient and most noble mo-
 “ narchy ! Pressed down as I am by the hand
 “ of infirmity, I am little able to assist my coun-