

the unexpected, the unexampled, the daily-increasing prosperity of Great Britain, the harmony, the loyalty, and the happiness of its inhabitants, furnished a disappointment too severe to be endured with any degree of composure. These were scenes which harrowed up the soul of the envious and malignant *Fiend*, who, like his *progenitor*, bent his course to this Paradise of the globe, eager to destroy that felicity which it was not in his nature either to partake of or endure.

But the good sense of the English People is no more to be deluded by *artifice* than their vigour is to be vanquished by *force*. They are not to be persuaded to part with the substance for the shadow. They can distinguish between the sincere and honest advice of rational friends, and the wily ensnaring addresses of insidious foes. They can detect treachery, and defeat malice. They are not so short-sighted as to believe, that in 1792 the man would counsel them to their good, who a few years before was labouring at their destruction. And sensible that under the friendly influence of their most excellent Constitution, and of the happiest possible form of Government, they not only enjoy the greatest degree of personal freedom, as well as of personal security, that can exist in society, but have also risen, within the short space of eight years, from penury to affluence, and from deep and accumulated distress to great and unexampled prosperity; rejoiced also that the fruits of these great and manifold advantages have already begun to appear in an alleviation of their burthens, they are not to be induced to stop the career of their greatness, and to replunge into a state of confusion and calamity, worse even than that from which they have so happily emerged.

The fearful events which are at present passing in France, with a rapidity of mischief that surpasses equally all that history has to offer, or fancy to conceive, afford a spectacle interesting to every man who possesses *PROPERTY*; and to none more than to *FARMERS*. The quarrel now raging in that once flourishing kingdom, is not between liberty and tyranny, or between protecting and oppressive systems of government; it is, on the contrary, collected to a single point.—It is alone a question of property.—It is a trial at arms, whether those who have *nothing* shall not seize and possess the pro-