

tion of their waggon ways and engines, the filling up of their coal pits, the burning of their ships, and lastly, (to use a new-coined and elegant Scotch phrase) the *starvation* of London, and every town where the meat is roasted, the pot boiled, and the hands warmed with Newcastle coal, must produce. It should be observed, that Sunderland, its quay, its shipping, and its contiguous coal pits, will all, in such an event, share the same fate. I assert, that the fort and battery at Trowmouth, are not equal to the defence of the harbour; from their situation and other circumstances, they must be taken in a few hours. I need not say, that a French engineer will be at no loss on what side to attack them; and it is not by way of exposing the weak parts of our country that I say thus much, but to urge the expedience of strengthening them, and to shew the necessity of giving Lord Percy, at least, ten thousand men to defend the North. I say the North, for the business may be done from Newcastle to Whitehaven, and many miles North and South of each, before the express shall have reached