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the war, in a national light. They enriched individuals engaged in the service: they increased the riches and power of the united English East India company: they annoyed the enemy, and ruined their trade and interests, and thereby cut off the resources, they otherwise would have drawn from those distant climes, to maintain the war in Europe and America.

Affairs of  
North  
America.

But the advices from North America continued so unfavourable, that the nation received but little joy in these victorious accounts from the East. A Squadron of ships had been sent<sup>q</sup> under Admiral Holborne, but to no purpose. The French, it is true, were driven off from Fort William Henry<sup>r</sup>. But this was no more than a short respite, till the enemy could return with a more effectual force. — No part of our arms felt the effects of the administration after Mr. PITT was turned out, more than in North America. Every thing seemed to devolve into the old channel of discord and inactivity. Lord Loudon, on whose confidence with the American provinces depended all that part of his commission, which could not be executed without harmony and concord, lost all his popularity by laying an embargo<sup>s</sup> on all the ships in North American ports, in order that the enemy might not receive any intelligence of his designs; without considering that the enemy received their intelligence chiefly, if not altogether, by land, upon that continent; and also to make provisions

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bargo.<sup>q</sup> See page 168. Vol. II.<sup>r</sup> See p. 181, &c. Vol. II.<sup>s</sup> On the 3d of March.

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