

virtuous mind would have attended the gallant bands of Patriots, armed against such oppression. The case of Spain touched us much more nearly.

“ The success of our enemy in that quarter, has augmented beyond calculation all our former difficulties and dangers : His failure, could such an event have happened, would have opened to us the most flattering and brilliant prospects. The interdiction against our commerce, would, by opening the Spanish ports, have been rendered of no effect. Those points of our empire where we are most vulnerable, would have been as much protected, by the independence of Spain, as they are now endangered by her subjection. And the solidity of that stupendous mass of power, united against us on the continent of Europe, would have been more weakened by the consequences, and the example of a successful resistance in Spain, than by almost any other event,