

However, this behaviour exposed the patriot ministers to great misrepresentations by their associates out of the old ministry, who still continued about the throne, and made their address to his Majesty by exaggerating the opposition to those measures, espoused most warmly by his Majesty, in behalf of his Electoral dominions, and injuriously representing the new ministers to be lukewarm in promoting other measures, which the national service required. So that by opportunity and importunity, and by conveying false ideas, injurious to the characters of Mr. PITT and his adherents, in the late promotions to the ministry, they obtained their peremptory dismissal from their several offices; at a conjuncture of time, when wisdom, integrity and firmness were more necessary than ever.

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Mr. Pitt  
refuses the  
seats.

A pen cannot depict the present deplorable state of the nation in this real distress; without anally, but who required powerful aid from us; engaged in a war with the most formidable enemy in Europe, and in a war hitherto unsuccessful; without any system in its councils for carrying on the war to effect, and with a ministry in whom the nation could not confide: when the military virtue of our ancestors seemed to be degenerating for want of proper discipline and service; our operations against the enemy at a stop, and the rage of faction was every where consuming the little remains of patriotism.

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At court the enemy seemed to be entirely forgot. There was no attention to any thing, but who could get, and keep the best places. The