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he says little, as not worthy of much notice. Of the latter, his distinctions are nice, his strictures many, his objections unanswerable; and yet, although so well apprised of the dangers and mischiefs of this Act, he says, "I have not
" debated against this Bill in its progress through
" the House, because it would have been vain
" to oppose, and impossible to correct it." But this is matter of inquiry. As I thought differently, I acted differently. Being in the country, this Bill was in its way through the House of Lords before I knew any thing of it. Upon my coming accidentally to town, and hearing of its malignity, I went down to the House, I opposed it, and entered my solemn Protest on the Journals against it. It is true, I stood single and alone in this business; but I do not therefore take shame to myself. Rectitude of intention will even sanctify error. But, says Mr. Burke, "During its progress through the House
" of Commons, it has been *amended*, so as to
" express more distinctly than at first it did, the
" avowed sentiments of those who framed it." Now if the Bill was *amended* in its progress through the House of Commons, Mr. Burke's reason "for not debating against the Bill" cannot be well founded; for his reason is, "that
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