

tion have however taken extraordinary care of our credit on this account. It is strange, with what rapidity they have realised the many expectations and apprehensions signified to them of approaching mischiefs. I don't know to what they can in that respect be compared; except to a pilot, who should run upon every beacon placed on purpose to warn him of his danger. Where would then be the wonder, if any one should be emboldened by events; if he should believe himself intitled and warranted to speak freely in future upon the experience and the authority of what had already proved true and taken place? Why do our ministers not make advantage of these circumstances and look into their own conduct; why do they not steer clear of the rocks remarked to them or at least learn to be more wise and more cautious by their errors? Why do they not falsify what people pretend to foresee or to foretell about the evil effects of their measures and silence such persons by shame and by the disappointment of their opinions? The parasites and the sycophants, the placemen and the pensioners of ministers will