

upon you, with an energy stronger than words can speak, to stem this profligacy of system, to drag forth, and to impeach the authors, abettors, and the approvers of it; and to rouse an infatuated nation from a lethargy, which credulity and a corrupt acquiescence have produced and fixed upon them?

In this temper of mind it will be more easy to enter into the state of the nation with spirit and impartiality; and when the plausible coverings are removed, which artful misrepresentation and audacious falsehood had cast upon the characters of those persons, with whom it is your duty to act, and upon those Countries in gross, for whose interest you are bound to provide; you will find nothing in the sound of America to irritate or rouse your passions, nothing in the name of Ireland to alarm your fears. Prepared to distinguish and to measure right and wrong by a scale of uniform and approved principle, neither the alluring and specious covering of a necessitous minister, nor the resentment of a disappointed placeman, will mislead or overbear you. You will find political objects of very extensive magnitude and importance for your consideration; and you will, in every part of the house (when you have cleared it of those betrayers of public honesty, of national faith, and of private virtues—few, I hope, in number) find men of abilities and judgment equal to the consideration and adjustment of all the objects which are before you.

You will certainly find that the national honor and existence are at stake, under very heavy clouds of impending violence, and threatening you from almost every quarter of the globe. This also is the result of the incapacity, misconduct, and