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has had three parliaments, chosen, one would have thought, pretty well to his taste, he asserts that even the majorities of this house could not come up to the tone of the public, in favour of his measures, which he says (thinking, however, with his honourable friend, that our opposition was, at the same time, an advantage to him), had the sanction of all, but a few exploded opinions in this house. Exploded opinions, then, he defines to be, opinions which this house negatives by its majorities. The honourable gentleman must allow me to inform him, that his great and justly revered father spent the greater part of his life in the enforcement of such exploded opinions. I must remind him, that he himself (who has since found such effectual means of giving currency to his sentiments) was for some time tainted with such exploded opinions. Exploded opinions have distinguished many of the wisest and the best men this nation ever produced ; and though I lament the sufferings of my country from the neglect of these opinions, I assure the honourable gentleman, and this house, that there is nothing on which I should so steadily rely for the regard of good men, living, or of posterity, when in my grave, as those very opinions which the votes of this house have enabled the honourable gentleman to stigmatize as exploded. In point of fact, however, the honourable gentleman, still surveying himself in the flattery of his own mirror, is wholly mistaken about these exploded opinions. It was to these exploded opinions that the negotiations of Paris and Lisle are attributable. We gave strong reasons in this house for peace. The public thought with us ; and we have his own words, that he entered upon that treaty only in compliance with what he now calls exploded opinions. But the honourable gentleman has a keen anxiety, lest this house should not continue to think these opinions quite so exploded ; for he asks, Will this house, by going into the proposed inquiry, disgrace its former votes ? To which I answer, Yes, certainly, if this house will save the country. In the very house of