

intending to accomplish their ends, *either* with or without your Majesty's means. Erostus set fire to the Temple and so perpetuated his name. Lords Howick and Grenville must also perpetuate theirs, and burning with holy ardour, swelled with philanthropy or ambition, *they* consulted whether **THEY** should emancipate the Catholics or not; **THEY** determined in the affirmative: I hesitate not, Sir, to declare, that I do think that nature, conscience, justice, reason, and policy, all support the claims of the Catholics; but, notwithstanding I give my opinion thus openly in their favour, yet I condemn the proceedings of "the talents." I disapprove the manner of introducing the subject, and of the miserable half-starved measure they did introduce. In the absurd belief of their superior sagacity or strength, they attempted to entrap your conscience, or awe your fears into acquiescence,—thus intending to make the peculiar circumstances of the country their own misconceived *power to dictate*, and the delicate and difficult situation of your Majesty, the foundation of that structure, which should have owed its rise to conscience, prudence, and judgment. Patriots would have been restrained by the love of their country: wise and steady men would not have been so soon drunk with authority, while dutiful and grateful servants would have consulted your wisdom and feelings,—remembering also that they were indebted to your generosity for their places, they should not have laboured to