

fellow citizens, ought to support that Interest, and to guard it.

That the charge brought against us, of wishing to overthrow the national church, is a wicked misrepresentation, and an unmanly device for exciting the passions of our countrymen against us.

Or, That those who have hitherto been active friends to our applications, merit our confidence, our gratitude, and our support.

This is the substance of what you now will be moved to resolve ; and to say much in favour of such sentiments to you, gentlemen, would be wasting your time unprofitably, and would be betraying a most unwarrantable distrust of the freedom and liberality of your opinions.

In declaring these sentiments, which I hope will become yours, (if similar thoughts come not in a better form before you from some other quarter), it has been intended to express them plainly, manly and discretely. The two former qualities, those of perspicuity and spirit may prevent them from dishonouring the reasonableness and justice of our claims : the latter, that of discretion, it is hoped will render them palatable even to the most timid and cautious of our friends. In order to remove, as far as it could be, the possibility