

Mother Country," &c. &c. * It may be indeed said, that America has declared herself independent of this country, and therefore the prophecy of Mr. Kalin was true; but this does not follow: for this country, by putting America out of the Protection of its laws, forced it, for self-preservation sake, into that state of Independency. Admitting, however, that America did mean Independency, I will now ask, Were the measures pursued the means to prevent their becoming so? I apprehend not: For although the force of this country be sufficient for conquest, ten times its force would be insufficient to hold the country in subjection. Three millions of people, not only with their affections lost, but their inveterate hatred gained, at three thousand miles over the Atlantic, distant from the arm of power, are not so easily held prostrate at the feet of Parliament, as Lord No was directed to say could be done. No: One hour of justice and moderation would have done more, than all the German Bloodhounds hired from all the German Traffickers in Blood, in all the petty Principalities of Germany can achieve in twenty years to come.

But to return to the learned Lord. Having set up Independency, and upon what grounds I have shewn as the object of America; his Lordship argued, that the Rubicon was passed, that we should kill the Americans, or the Americans would kill us, and that we could not look back, but must go forward, though our destruction be certain and inevitable. In short he drove us on, until we are all now driven, like so many asses, into a *Pound*; and are so

* Vid. Votes of the Congress, reprinted for J. Almon, opposite Burlington-house, Piccadilly, and also the last Petition of the Congress to the King.