

to know exactly the currency in which the contributions are stated, but wherever that is the case, I have adopted the lowest value. Many however, of the items of this odious system are still wanting, and no doubt amount to an enormous sum; but the present list compiled almost entirely from French authority, may serve to give the Reader an idea of the terrible nature of this profligate and vicious system; which has seized by lawless violence, and squandered away in iniquitous pursuits, the wealth and industry of Europe.

The Tables of the account of the Destruction of Property, are in many instances, taken from good authority; and in others, from an estimation from those instances, that are authenticated. In such a subject, perfect accuracy is unattainable; but it is obvious, that the amount was prodigious. The same may be said, with regard to the expenditure of the different nations by war. In many of these it is impossible for me to obtain the accurate sums, which has forced me to follow a probable sum, considering the revenues, and the demands. I am certain, where this is the case, that I am rather below than above the real amount.

The French Revolution and its consequences, are an inexhaustible subject. I have endeavoured to embody a few of its most prominent features and bitter consequences, into a short compass, which may prove a warning to my deluded countrymen, who in some instances, are yet endeavoured to be made the tools of those, who profess under other names, the principles which gave it birth, but whose object, and whose aims are the same. That tremendous event, the consequences of which, humanity will long deplore, in its birth, progress, and effects, stands unequalled in the history of man. The crimes it has perpetrated—the misery and wretchedness it has heaped on the world—the awful scenes of carnage and bloodshed, which it has occasioned amongst mankind, were never equalled and can never be surpassed. In vain will we search the records of history, for the conduct of tyrants, the most despotic—into the policy or institutions of nations, the most barbarous and rude, for any thing to form a parallel to it, or to equal the cause by which it was produced. The most ferocious savage of New Zealand—the most ignorant human being, who traverses Af-