

8 LETTER TO THE ADDRESSERS,

" by no means created then, it has been, both in  
 " *theory and practice*, the *wisest* system that ever was  
 " formed. I never was (he means he never was  
 " *till now*) a dealer in *political cant*. My life has  
 " not been occupied in *that way*, but the specu-  
 " lations of late years *seem to have taken a turn, for*  
 " *which I cannot account*. When I came into  
 " public life, the political pamphlets of the time,  
 " however they might be charged with the heat  
 " and violence of parties, were agreed in ex-  
 " tolling the radical beauties of the Constitution  
 " itself. I remember (he means he has for-  
 " gotten) a most captivating eulogium on its  
 " charms by Lord Bolingbroke, where he re-  
 " commends his readers to contemplate it in all  
 " its aspects, with the assurance that it would  
 " be found more estimable the more it was  
 " seen. I do not recollect his precise words, but  
 " I wish that men who write upon these sub-  
 " jects would take *this for their model*, instead  
 " of the political pamphlets, which I am told,  
 " are now in circulation, (such, I suppose, as  
 " *Rights of Man*)—pamphlets which I have  
 " not read, and whose purport I know only by  
 " report, (he means, perhaps, by the *noise* they  
 " make.) This, however, I am sure, that  
 " pamphlets tending to unsettle the public  
 " reverence for the *constitution*, will have very  
 " little influence. They can do very little harm  
 " —for (by the bye, he is no dealer in *political*  
 " *cant*) the English are a sober-thinking people, and  
 " are more intelligent, more solid, more steady in their  
 " opinions,