

the opinion, was himself a commissioner of the admiralty!

It is not, God knows, from anxiety that Mr. Fox should be minister, either on his account or from views personal to myself, that I have taken the trouble of composing this work. If I were of a corrupt nature, little as I am, the channel had been long ago open to me and upon more than one occasion. In his day of difficulty or danger I believe I should be found as near to Mr. Fox and cling as close to him, as any person born of woman;—but my disposition does not particularly lead me to cultivate anybody in the hour of success. I suspect that I should not be the first to present myself upon his kissing the king's hand—no evil to the man I love best, for in such a case he would be sure of a crowded levee. My true motive is the salvation of my country, and without dwelling longer upon malice which perhaps should be treated only with contempt and scorn—I proceed.

The best chance then of real peace with France is surely from this description of minister.

From a minister, who, bred in the principles of the grand alliance and nurtured in a fear of French power, had surveyed the revolution in France as the harbinger of peace to England and to Europe—who, burning with the ardor of a patriot for the freedom of his own country, beheld the rising liberty of other nations with the rap-