

all the world knows, it is out of our power. There is a certain evil attends our intemperance, namely, a loss of character in Europe: For our Ministers write, that our conduct hitherto, in this respect, has done us infinite injury; and has exhibited us in the light of a people, destitute of government, on whose engagements of course no dependence can be placed."

We have been thus led round a circle of large circumference, in order to come at the general result, which has been in this manner drawn by Phocion. And it must now be admitted, that there ought to be a strong necessity, or a very apparent use, to justify the measure, of entering into a new treaty with States, who have not, even by their own acknowledgments, performed the old. Of the existence of that necessity, or of that use it may be proper to make a few remarks. The stipulation, which expressly promised, that there should be no lawful impediment to the recovery of debts, has been attended, as we have seen, with no great efficacy, in the practice of merchants. Wise men, who had seen, during every age, the same necessities prevailing in the Colonies, whose Legislatures opposed similar obstructions to the recovery of debts, have been heard to observe: That the only point of commercial policy, which had the semblance of use, would be an effectual provision for the speedy liquidation of debts, which must always be due from the United States to Britain. And doubtless a stipulation of this kind (if