

seeking a man "in whose friendly bosom he might repose his secret thoughts," invited a reciprocal confidence in vain.

The resentments of Junius were violent; and unless the object of his censures withdrew from public life, or adopted a line of political conduct consonant to his own views, he was unappeasable. Once engaged in "an honourable cause," or having once denounced a public man, on what he considered just grounds, nothing less than absolute and unqualified submission would avail.* Hence, assuming that he is the writer of this "Letter," having attacked General Townshend, while holding a subordinate station in 1760, he became still more rancorous against him when appointed to the high Office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Whether the enmity of the writer of this Letter, was founded on private pique and personal

* "I would pursue him through life, and try the last exertion of my abilities to preserve the perishing infamy of his name, and make it immortal," (ii. 91.)

"Without pretending to more than Mr. Bradshaw's sincerity, you may rely on my attachment as long as you are in office." (ii. 249.)