

left all the sitting part of the man behind him. The house can make the allusion. This is not a noble, manly kind of coalition between these gentlemen. Of that ex-minister I would just say, that no man admires his splendid talents more than I do. If ever there was a man formed and fitted by nature to benefit his country, and to give it lustre, he is such a man. He has no low, little, mean, petty vices. He has too much good sense, taste, and talent, to set his mind upon ribbons, stars, titles, and other appendages and idols of rank. He is of a nature not at all suited to be the creature or tool of any court. (*Mr. Pitt bowed repeatedly.*) But while I thus say of him no more than I think his character and great talents deserve, I must tell him how grossly he has misapplied them in the politics of this country—I must tell him again how he has augmented our national debt, and of the lives he lost in this war. I must tell him he has done more against the privileges of the people, increased more the power of the crown, and injured more the constitution of his country, than any minister I can mention. Of the resignation of the late ministry, I don't believe one word of what is said about catholic emancipation.—I could as soon believe it was because they had discovered the longitude. If they did go out on that ground, they were certainly at liberty so to do. But after they had quitted their situations they circulated a paper in Ireland, attributing the failure of an indispensable measure to resistance in a certain quarter, and that quarter was their sovereign; and directing the Irish catholics to look to them for hope of relief. If this was short of high treason, how far short of it I cannot define. If, however, that measure was necessary to carrying on hostilities, we have certainly done right so far in making this peace.

Mr. Sheridan concluded with stating, that he considered it fair to those who had entertained the sentiments he did, of the rise and progress of the war, to record the real grounds on which we approve of a peace, the terms