

only remaining chance of salvation must be sought.

It is to be feared, however, that the change of ministry has deprived us altogether of the benefits which would have resulted from a parliamentary investigation of these grave and difficult subjects : and it becomes the more necessary to attempt such a compilation of particulars, as may assist the public in examining the question out of doors.—With this view the following statement is drawn up. It is a very humble attempt at providing a substitute for the information respecting the state of their affairs, which the people would have received from the deliberations of their representatives, had the formation of the new ministry been so long delayed as to have given time for an inquiry into the state of the nation.

This disquisition may conveniently be arranged under three heads—as it relates to the state of our *foreign relations*, our *domestic œconomy* and our *colonial affairs*. It is of the last importance that

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