

ever shone with such integrity and virtue. He kept no levees ; he saw no trifling company ; was embarrassed by no private connexions ; was engaged in no intrigue. He never abused his power by preferring an undeserving person : he despised those idle claims of priority of rank, of seniority in situation, when they were unsupported by services, which alone could entitle them to public trust : he confided in ability and worth wherever he found them, without any regard to wealth, family, parliamentary interest or connexion. He was a friend to moral virtue. He detested corruption. His soul was above meaness : little arts belong to narrow minds ; his was extensive, and soared to business of a more important nature, by which he made his country great. Like a true Englishman, he was open, bold, free, and honest. He was punctual in his office, and such was his attention to business, that the most minute occurrences in his department passed not without examination. He had wisdom to plan, and courage to execute. He honoured the people, and listened to their united voice, which he was never afraid to bring to the ear of his sovereign. His ability and wisdom spread terror throughout the enemy : they preserved harmony with our allies, and the faith of Great Britain was held inviolably sacred. He exerted the power, and preserved the dignity of Great Britain in a manner unexampled. He was afraid of no state ; would brook with no affronts ; was ever ready to resent injuries. The public treasure he applied, as far as his direction extended, to the public interest. He never sought to avoid a war, in order to apply the sums necessary for carrying it on to the preservation of his power in the ministry. His early and vigorous resolution for attacking Spain is the strongest proof of it. Conscious of his own honesty and integrity he never sought to conceal any part of his