

teach such nonsense !) "Can this man boast of half a dozen unpaid, unswilled, *unwashed* ! supporters?" Now I beg leave to tell that *asker*, that although he may think it a crime, *I have many washed* supporters, as well as many worthy ones not quite so familiar with water as they might be—but that, if it was put to disinterested *ballot* between us, of the *whole* population of Bath, I should not be surprised to find a thousand in my box, for every one in his. When he *talks* of what *he* has done up in London ! some could tell what *has been done* in Bath for those who had found Mr. Roebuck's promises rather windy food ! Whilst it is only for Pharisees to boast of their own efforts, I may be here permitted, at least to say—that if I have ever intentionally injured man, woman, or child, amongst my fellow citizens, let him now stand up in judgment against me—If I have ever yet left a single tradesman\*—or have ever treated one individual differently, because he differed with me in politics or religion, let him bear witness against me. But—if, indeed, in merely public affairs, I over-zealously espouse what my disinterested conscience tells me is best for my fellow men—if any of the expressions of my inexperienced addresses may have seemed (unintentionally on my part) too strong, and too general, when I had one offender against this city, and the public enemies of my country generally in my view, *Englishmen* will forgive him whom they know wishes but their welfare. Yes ! when I behold amongst you the many aged that have looked kindly on me from infancy—your little ones that have

\* Although *I have* f born to do so, through the private friendship that I feel for every fellow-citizen, I am not prepared to dispute the general principle of some who feel themselves not justified to lend their helping means and countenance to those whom they think will use them to destroy every thing that they hold dearest as Britons and as Christians.