

derate and equitable principles and terms which he has before proposed : the rejection of such terms must now, more than ever, demonstrate the implacable animosity, and insatiable ambition of those with whom he has to contend, and to them alone must the future consequences of the prolongation of the War be ascribed.

If such, unhappily, is the spirit by which they are still actuated, his Majesty can neither hesitate as to the principles of his own conduct, nor doubt the sentiments and determination of his People. He will not be wanting to them, and he is confident they will not be wanting to themselves. He has an anxious, but a sacred and indispensable duty to fulfil : he will discharge it with resolution, constancy, and firmness. Deeply as he must regret the continuance of a War, so destructive in its progress, and so burthensome even in its success, he knows the character of the brave People whose Interests and Honour are entrusted to him. These it is the first object of his life to maintain : and he is convinced, that neither the Resources nor the Spirit of his Kingdoms will be found inadequate to this arduous contest, or unequal to the importance and value of the objects which are at stake. He trusts that the Favour of Providence, by which they have always hitherto been supported against all their Enemies, will be still extended to