

in the year 1800, no less a quantity than TWELVE PIPES of Red Port Wine was *consumed*, but in the year preceding a Pipe of port was for a considerable period consumed in Ten Days. That Report, Gentlemen, has been on the table of those men who call themselves your representatives for two years. Last session I endeavoured to call their attention to this Report; but the Medical Board is still the same, and the consequences have been such as were to be expected from such a set of men. Where were they when our unfortunate soldiers were hourly dying at Walcheren? Where were they then? They were no where to be found. Perhaps had they been sought for at the York Hospital they might have been found enjoying themselves over their Port! These are strong facts; but, Gentlemen, they cannot be contradicted; and I sincerely hope they will make a proper impression on your minds, and keep you alive to the absolute necessity of a Reform in Parliament. I trust that, instead of contenting yourselves with cursing the tax-gatherers, who molest you in your houses, you will come forth again and again to speak the constitutional language that has been held this day; and to tell your rulers that you must and will have your rights! I will embrace this opportunity of returning you my thanks for your conduct towards myself, and for the firm support you have afforded me, which has been my greatest solace under the difficulties against which I have had to struggle. As to meeting, by explanation, every base abusive accusation which has been cast upon me, the calumnies are so innumerable, that it were a fruitless effort to attempt it. The abuse that has been heaped on my head, has no other source or cause than that of my having dared to oppose myself to corruption, than that of having dared to aver myself a fast friend to the people of England, to their rights and to their liberties. You all know the virulence of persecution that I have suffered, in consequence of that attachment, but to enter into a minute detail of the particulars, would be disgusting—it would be beneath you to hear, or myself to relate. There is one fact arising out of my charges against the Duke of York, which I embrace this opportunity of retuing: it is one of the foulest calumnies that ever fell from the tongue of man. It has been insinuated that I brought forward the charges against the Duke of York, at the instigation of the Duke of Kent. Gentlemen, I do solemnly aver, that I never, in my life, had communication with the Duke of Kent on that or any subject whatever, either directly or indirectly, by letter, or through the intervention or communication of