

was coveted—Any thing that would just give us breathing time, and serve to break the dangerous confederacy against us—would be a prosperous event. But when the grievous task was shifted to others—how did the language differ. The navy grew as it were by magic.—The resources of the state became immense.—The condition of the country flourishing;—and the Ministry were to be tried by the strictest and most rigid law. The noble Lord dwelt on this glaring inconsistency for some time, and concluded a long and most ingenious speech, with a high commendation of the Address, and the most direct censure of the proposed Amendment.

*The Earl of Carlisle* thought it necessary to shew that there was no ground for the imputed absurdity in the motion as amended. They were to thank his Majesty—for what?—For the *communication* of the Preliminary Articles of Peace—they were to hold that peace sacred because concluded—but they were with the manliness which became them, to declare that it was inconsistent with their expectations, and derogatory to the honour and dignity of the empire. In all this he could not perceive any thing absurd.

*Earl Gower* concluded the debate, with declaring his opinion shortly, that the peace did not come up to his expectations. He thought we were entitled, from our condition, to better terms; but he did not think himself at liberty to reprobate