

man shall sit under the shade of his own fig-tree, and eat the fruit of his own vine; and when no man, armed with the terrors of power, shall dare to pluck the morsel out of their mouth.

*France.*

The eyes of all Europe are still directed towards France; and every day brings forth new events, the probable issue of which no human sagacity can foresee. A few weeks ago appearances were strong that war would have been carried into the heart of Germany, by the military ardour of the French troops. Fortunately for the cause of humanity, the rulers of that extensive empire have yielded to the storm, by discountenancing the emigrant princes. In this prudent caution every friend to humanity will rejoice: Long may such salutary counsels prevail! Still however new rumours of the hostile intentions of foreign princes are kept up in France, though it does not clearly appear that there is any just foundation for these reports.

In regard to their internal situation, a great, and almost unperceived revolution, has gradually taken place of late. The king, now evidently under the influence of some person of great judgement, has acted with a steady mildness, and with a judicious attention to the preservation of order and decorum in government, and has so pro-

perly interposed his influence to allay the heats of a popular assembly, as yet but novices in the art of legislation, as has tended greatly to preserve good order in the state, and to check some rash enterprises that otherwise would have been too hastily entered upon by the nation. By this means the preponderance of the royal authority has been much augmented in the national assembly, and among the people; may it never be carried too far!

Distraction still prevails in St Domingo to an astonishing degree; and there seems to be no reason to hope that their animosities will cease but with the extirpation of one of the parties. The whites appear to be the weakest. Troops are now preparing to be sent from France thither. These, it is probable, will join with the people of colour, whose cause is the popular cause of the day. In that case the contest will be soon ended. The white men will be driven away; but how they will afterwards settle with the mother country, time only can bring to light.

*Popular commotion at Madrid.*

A great commercial house at Bourdeaux has received a letter from a correspondent at Madrid, dated January 26. stating that the inhabitants of the capital of Spain are in a great ferment, and the court in the utmost consternation.