

“ whole House of Bourbon. But, if the Members of this Board  
 “ are of another Opinion, this is the last Time I shall ever mix in its  
 “ Counsels. I was called into Ministry by the Voice of the People,  
 “ and to them I hold myself answerable for my Conduct. I am to  
 “ thank the Ministers of the *late* King for their Support. I have  
 “ served my Country with Success, but I will not be responsible for  
 “ the Conduct of the War any longer, than while I have the Di-  
 “ rection of it.” This last Declaration was by no means equivocal.  
 It was a frank and open Demand of an unlimited Authority, and un-  
 conditional Obedience.

THE noble Lord, who presided in this Council ; to whom Years  
 have added the Wisdom of Experience without abating the Vigour and  
 Fire of Youth ; whose natural and acquired Abilities are unquestion-  
 ably as great, as ever this Gentleman could boast ; who was himself as  
 bold a Minister, as ever directed the Affairs of this Nations, made him  
 this temperate Reply. “ I find the Gentleman is determined to leave  
 “ us, nor can I say, I am sorry for it ; since he would otherwise  
 “ have certainly compelled us to leave *Him*. But if he be resolv-  
 “ ed to assume the Right of advising his Majesty, and directing  
 “ the Operations of the War, to what Purpose are we called to this  
 “ Council ? When he talks of being responsible to the People, he  
 “ talks the Language of the House of Commons, and forgets, that  
 “ at his Board, he is only responsible to the King. However, though  
 “ he may possibly have convinced himself of his Infallibility, still it  
 “ remains, that we should be equally convinced, before we can re-  
 “ sign our Understandings to his Direction, or join with him in  
 “ the Measure he proposes.”