

## APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

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I KNOW it is a thankless office to warn my countrymen of impending evils. An honest developement of their causes and consequences is likely to be received with distrust or impatience ;—to be resisted or evaded by the feelings of present interest, by self-love, by vanity, by groundless hopes, and idle wishes. Anxiety and fear are troublesome companions—if they cannot be put to silence, they must be dismissed. As I cannot minister to the appetite for incredible rumours, I feel that I am an unwelcome messenger ; for I am as utterly ignorant of the progress of negotiation at Washington, as I am sure of its fruitless termination.

I am fully aware, that there is a reluctance in the human mind, to admit truths which interfere with present pursuits or interests, which perplex the calculations of prudence, and demand exertion to prevent or mitigate calamity. Men borrow confidence from their hopes, and resist conviction as they would an enemy. He then who disturbs their treacherous repose, their delusive dreams of safety, by shewing them the giant form of danger, is regarded as an intruder, if he is not assailed as a foe.