

What can be said of an administration at Washington, which is so erroneous in its politicks, that it hugs the lion, which is to devour it, and endeavours to ruin the only power there is that can keep the lion in awe? When President Adams boldly published the letters which demanded tribute, he set the continent in a flame, and French partizans were silenced. Mr. Jefferson probably now conceals letters of this description, and tries to set the continent in a flame against Great Britain. What a contrast!

As to making the lion friendly; tyrants have no friends. Friendship, justice, virtue, science; none of these are the objects of tyrants. A tyrant has nothing in view but dominion and glory. Dominion is offered by America; and the glory of Bonaparte will seem interested in acquiring that dominion. Principles of honor towards America are utterly out of the question. It will be matter of cruel jest and sarcasm to Bonaparte to state how America has been duped, and what sums she has paid; and that by paying back a part of her own tribute to venal writers, power has been obtained to levy fresh tribute money. To have deceived America will be called a stroke of policy, and Bonaparte will boast of it, as a rake boasts of the seduction of credulous innocence, or the warrior of his stratagems, and the politician of his intrigues.

Perhaps there can be nothing more in point, than a case which ought to be well known to Mr. J. Q. Adams, as having been American minister at Berlin—that of the king of Prussia. We need not be stopped by the remark, that the several kings of Prussia have been petty Bonapartes, in their way; and that several kings of Prussia have uniformly conquered or deceived others; for the present king of Prussia never conquered nor deceived Bonaparte; and his subjects were the victims, not the companions of his own malepractices. Consequently Bonaparte had no excuse for what he did against Prussia. By a Manifesto, which will descend to posterity, when party writings shall be forgotten; by a Manifesto almost unrivaled in history for its materials and its talents, Bonaparte's honour was appealed to: and what was Bonaparte's answer? My brother of Prussia never