

jected every idea of acting with Lord Bute in Administration ; this opinion is utterly without foundation, and no argument has been produced in support of it.

The expressions which Lord Mountstuart quotes from my father's note are these : that "*Lord Chatham heard with particular satisfaction the favourable sentiments of his subjects on the noble Lord with whom Sir James Wright had talked,*" and that "*zeal, duty, and obedience might outlive hope,*" (even, under the impending ruin of the kingdom). Now what does the first of these expressions amount to, but that Lord Chatham heard with much satisfaction, those high expressions of approbation, and explicit offers of concurrence, from one who was generally thought (no matter how truly) to have so much influence in the Government of this country, which were conveyed in Sir James Wright's first letter, with the express desire that they might be communicated through Dr. Addington to Lord Chatham?—And what is the meaning of the second expression, but that Lord Chatham, however desperate he thought the situation of public affairs, would still perform the duties of a good subject, in endeavouring to prevent, if possible, the final ruin of the kingdom? It is impossible therefore to argue from either of these expressions, which were written in answer to Sir James Wright, that my father either courted a negotiation with Lord Bute, or was willing to act with his Lordship in Administration ; unless it can be pretended that