

Time was, when so direct a consequence of such a crying sin would have been considered a visitation of providence. So evident a concatenation of the crime and the penalty rarely occurs ; but we *will not* see it. Ten minutes is ample time to perceive it ; but it will take ten years to comprehend it.—In about that time, perhaps, all the world will be of one opinion on the subject ; as now, on the long contested question of the American revolution.—This is the usual course of things—*Labitur et labetur*—In about that time too, we shall discover that the American propositions on this subject did not exact the surrender of any one of our Maritime Rights, but only such wholesome (it may be said profitable) modification of the practice as would remove a question involving every thing valuable in life, and life itself, from a party tribunal.—We need not look forward indeed for the evidence of this ; we may find it in the letter of instructions of Mr. Madison to Messrs. Monroe and Pinkney of so old a date as the seventeenth of May, 1806 ; where the proposition is not only reduced to a stipulatory form, which leaves the British principle untouched ; but is made in the very words that were agreed to by Lord St. Vincent, with the acquiescence of Lord Hawkesbury and Mr. Addington, in the project of a convention with Mr. King on the approaching renewal of the war ; and then only frustrated by an exception on the obsolete ground of peculiar privilege in the narrow seas.—But we *will* look forward ; and we *will not believe* a thing that happened seven years ago till ten years hence.—About that time too, we shall discover that the Commissioners, appointed in the Fox administration, to treat with the American Commissioners, waited only for the subsiding of a popular prejudice (most artfully raised by their opponents in politics) to accommodate and ad-