

this wholesome and constitutional nature. In consequence, too, of certain recent occurrences, it has been found impossible to investigate at all, even in their distinct character, those measures which occupied the government during the last vacation. And thus a new ministry is formed, and a new system about to commence, before the account has been settled with the old; before the causes of our present calamities have been ascertained; before the nation has been able to determine, either the extent or the origin of its dangers. Greatly as this change of men and of measures is to be rejoiced at, we may venture to question, whether it would not have secured more solid benefit to the country, had it been delayed until the wisdom of parliament had been applied, to such a full discussion of the late calamitous interference with continental affairs; and such a comprehensive review of our present situation in every particular, as can alone furnish the ground-work of that radical change of system, in which our