

They will be found, in short, in the whole history of the diplomatick intercourse of Mr. Jefferson. in one unvaried course of submission to France, and hostility to Great-Britain, of which the dispatches now analysed form no mean and undistinguished part.

They, who read only to be amused, who expect to find an ornamented and polished style in the following Analysis, will be disappointed. Perspicuity alone has appeared to the writer to be indispensable, when employed in exposing the sophistry of men, who to cover their real designs, veil them in language, always ambiguous, and frequently impenetrably obscure.

ANALYSIS.

Of the late Dispatches and Correspondence between our Cabinet and those of France and Great-Britain.

No. 1.

AT last it would seem, to the eye of superficial observers, that the court of Washington had determined to abandon that suspicious and insulting system of secrecy, which, while it contradicted all their former principles and professions, was calculated to rouse the jealousy, and excite the indignation of every independent man. If this were true, little credit would be due to the government, as it is well known, and will be long recollected, that this information was withheld until it could no longer be of use; that it was suppressed until the United States were, against their own sense and wishes, plunged into a state little short of actual hostility with the two most powerful nations of Europe, into a desperate and forlorn situation, in which retrograde movements involve eternal disgrace, and perseverance, or progressive steps, inevitable ruin.

Nor ought it to be overlooked, that even this scanty portion of light, which gives us only a glance into our future dark and gloomy prospects, was not voluntarily bestowed, but was extorted by the patriotick exertions of the opponents of our late destructive system.

But it will be seen in the course of this Analysis that even this affected frankness of communication is an illusion. Every thing which may tend to implicate the administration may have been and probably has been withheld, and we are treated with detached fragments, and broken sentences, from the letters of our foreign ministers, which only excite the strongest suspicions of the alarming nature of those which are suppressed.

Is this the language of disaffection only, and unreasonable jealousy? Can it be illiberal to doubt the sincerity of men, who, in earlier and happier times, before they had been so skilled in political cunning, were