

peared since the establishment of the marine, at any period of time, to have suffered such disgrace as on that day. Alas ! when I look back, and search the annals of Britain ; when I read of the achievements performed by Englishmen, and with inferiour force, and compare these modern chiefs before me, with those of our ancestors, I cannot help blushing for their conduct, and startle at the idea, that men, in my opinion the most contemptible, where the interest of their country is concerned, should be thus extolled and idolized !—and for what ?—Because the one was afraid of Washington's imagined superiority, while the other pleaded the dangers they were exposed to, *on a lee shore*—hence the former is stiled, the saviour of his Majesty's troops, and the latter the *saviour* not only of *his* Majesty's fleet, but of the nation in general ; * though I presume they were

* As it is considered as no part of a general's business in an enemy's country to secure a retreat, I shall pass over the *Saratoga Convention* unobserved ; it was but an error in judgment, and the brave Cornwallis has made a very proper apology, and convinced Mr. Gates, that where Dame Judgment is not at her afternoon's nap, much mischief may accrue to the American cause, and the doctrine of independency.