

The different members of families which have been long separated, will now meet, never again to part. Some branches that were thought dead will be restored. What congratulations? what rejoicings? how many tender recollections? but delightful as these felicities must be, they are of a transitory nature;—and mixed with lamentation and mourning; for many a heart has been broken; many endearing relations can never be renewed; and many a pleasing anticipation will meet with bitter disappointment. Let us then consider what permanent advantages mankind may reap from the general peace which Europe now enjoys.—1st. As they respect the continental nations. The dreadful commotions of the last thirty years have conferred much political experience both on rulers and subjects. To Governors they have pointed out, in the clearest and most impressive manner, the imperfections of their former constitutions; and the necessity of introducing wise reforms, for promoting, in their different territories, a much greater degree of prosperity and happiness; and for ameliorating the condition of the lower classes of society. The governments will soon acquire a liberality of principle which shall exert itself in improving their people. They will feel the propriety of revising their laws, especially these of a criminal nature; that justice may be separated from ferocity, and punishment from revenge. Industry will be encouraged; agriculture promoted, & commerce extended. From a more correct knowledge of political economy, systems of taxation, less oppressive and unjust, will