

was not difficult to discover ; but he thought it unworthy of their Lordships to do that by a side-wind, which if they thought fit to do, it became the nobleness of their natures to do openly. If they thought the King's Ministers deserved censure for the peace which they had concluded, why not inflict their censure in that way, which alone could make that censure a punishment, in a fair, manly, and direct manner, such as became the high character of that House.

The noble and learned Lord then came to enquire whether the peace, which had been concluded, was, under all the circumstances of our situation, such as their Lordships ought in fairness to censure. In doing this, he enumerated the various particulars which had been adduced in the debate, and contended, that the articles were not subject to the severe objections which had been made against them. He could not forget the anxiety nor the language of noble Lords, who, but a few, very few months ago, were the most eager and clamorous for peace. When those persons apprehended, that the difficult task of making peace would fall upon themselves, then our condition was painted in all, and, perhaps, in more than its real gloom—and their Lordships were depressed and tortured with the accounts which were given of our navy, and our resources. Then any peace, it was declared, would be a good one. A peace for a year even—nay, for a month—for a day was