

takes occasion to launch out in praise of the
 “ honest zeal of the late minister, who
 “ warmly pressed the laying before parlia-
 “ ment, all the papers relative to the rup-
 “ ture with Spain; which his successors
 “ sought to cover and conceal, or at least to
 “ perplex *.”

As I do not propose to enter into any
 disquisition of the merits or demerits of
 Mr. Pitt's administration, I will allow him
 all the share of praise so lavishly bestowed
 upon him by this *impartial* observer. I will
 suppose, that his support of the motion for
 all the papers was actuated by the honest
 zeal of conscious innocence, and that he
 never courted a war with Spain. But I must
 differ widely from him in opinion, that it
 appears to demonstration, even from these
 papers, “ that, before the first overtures of
 “ France for the particular peace with Eng-
 “ land, *Spain had resolved, at a proper time,*
 “ *to take an efficient and openly hostile part*