

reflected the greatest credit on their country. Many at this day could be found who would prove distinguished ornaments in the councils of their nation, did not the virulence of party faction, and the intrigues of a foreign despot, render their services abortive.

The war with this country has been commenced on the part of the Americans in total disregard of their own interests, as well as those of honour and humanity. They have voluntarily enrolled themselves in the cause of universal despotism, and, could they receive his assistance, would put themselves under the banners of one of the greatest tyrants that ever swayed a sceptre. Yet these people talk loudly of their republican liberty,—their love of freedom and virtue. If their Government possessed one spark of either, it would have lent itself to a better cause. The American name is degraded under such rulers. The whole people are stigmatized for the sottish ignorance of a few demagogues; and they are regarded by Europeans with distrust and contempt, for the