

which they can contribute to the reputation and strength of Government, is by continuing to oppose it.

But though these are desperate, there is a very large and respectable body of men, who, though much pains has been taken, and many accidental circumstances have concurred to mislead them, are, however, open to conviction; and to them principally these papers are addressed, I mean the middle ranks of men among us; those who are honest and disinterested, though sometimes mislead.

Many circumstances have contributed to deceive these men into the opinion which they have entertained of the late Secretary. The specious declarations of zeal for his country, with which he always accompanied his dissipation of her treasures in German-quarrels, amused them; and they were not immediately convinced of his duplicity, even when they saw him break off the negotiation, which he had so weakly managed, upon an interest merely German. Honest men could scarcely believe it possible, that while he was declaiming for liberty, he could be the supporter of the most oppressive taxes. The valour of as meritorious an army as ever fought for their country, had procured us the most honourable successes. He had always ascribed these to his own wisdom, and men were good-natured enough to ascribe to him the merit of the designs, without enquiring whether the most important conquests were not made upon plans of which he was utterly ignorant.

Time must be allowed for men to discard their old, and to adopt new opinions; to withdraw their esteem, even though they are convinced it is lightly grounded, from their former favourite,