

country ; or who has even a proper regard for his own welfare. This subject is interesting at all times ; but in an especial manner at those periods, when every one who is disposed to attend to it, may learn a lesson from the events which have taken place.

If we look back to what has happened, within but a few years, we shall find, that in many cases, the wisdom of the wise seems to have become foolishness ; and that an overwhelming power, had threatened to set at defiance, all those calculations respecting human affairs, in which men had been wont to trust. It was a period of deceit, terror, and desolation.

In contemplating the awful phenomenon, the human mind seems to have lost its energy, and, in a kind of listless stupor, appeared to have concluded, that there were no means to be found to counteract the progress of the giant force.

At this important crisis, another power put itself in motion, wishing, if it had been possible, to attain to greatness, by lending its feeble help to banish freedom from the Earth ; and to destroy every thing which gives a value to human existence by making it dignified and respectable.

But, blessed be God, these times have passed away. The energies of the human mind have again been called forth from that state of torpor into which they had sunk, and those exertions which have been  
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