

light is at an end. He cannot be a proper Minister in a mixed or popular government, who would endeavour to give the first magistrate more power than is allowed by the constitution; or *unite* the executive and legislative powers of the state in the same person. On the other hand, supposing Lord North to be really *the* Minister, as much as Walpole, Pelham, or Pitt were severally when they bore the character (which we will as soon believe, till we receive some substantial proof it, as that he is Mufti or Turkish High-Priest) we can by no means allow him fitted either by nature, habit, or inclination, for so great and arduous an undertaking. It would be an invidious task to assign our reasons, nor would it be less tedious and disgusting. His Lordship is, however, a man of sound judgment, well trained in business, of great parliamentary dexterity, and equalled by no man in Britain in plausibility, in a strong appearance of candour, in avoiding explanations in debate, and knowing how to *recede* from engagements *without* incurring a *breach* of promise. His enemies allow him no merit. This is merely the voice of party. His Lordship was called to the helm at a most *critical* season, in a storm of faction or national resentment, call it which you please. He rode it out with great resolution, and no small degree of ministerial skill; and whether his conduct on that occasion may be imputed unto him as righteousness, there is little doubt that he encountered *some perils*, and many disagreeable circumstances; and,