

INTRODUCTION.

in that arrangement; it was thought right to subjoin a short, but general, *Review* of the whole; in which the *maxims* and the *theory* are examined; and the grievances alleged are classed under their respective heads. And under certain heads the Congress would no doubt have classed them; if conscious of the futility of the charges, they had not fled to the mean resource of endeavouring to supply by *numbers*, what they wanted in weight; to *confuse* where they could not hope to *convince*.

The Congress has appealed to the passions of the British nation.

MUCH merit seems to have been assumed by the Authors of the Declaration on account of the "*attention*," which they profess to have shewn to us, whom for this last time, as they inform us, they style—"their British brethren:"—of the "*warnings*," they have given us:—of "their appeals to our native justice and magnanimity." And to do them justice, some art there was in the steps by which they endeavoured to make us their dupes; the blind instruments of procuring them that *independence*, at which they so long have aimed.—Their *first attacks* were cautious; the *Ministry* only were to blame: To rail at Ministers, is always popular. The King was deceived; the Parliament misled; the nation deluded.—In a little time they saw that Parliament was neither to be frightened, nor argued into a resignation of its just authority; and then Parliament came in for its share of culpability. It encroached on the rights of the American Assemblies. For they too, all at once, were become *Parliaments*: Still the King was their common Father; the nation, their brethren.—Yet a little while and they saw, that the King was not to be persuaded to listen to the deceitful voice of faction, in preference to the sober advice