

ling to defend their country, their liberty, and laws. The whole population obeyed the call, and three hundred thousand were chosen, who, not only formed an equipoise to the regular army, but gave a proof to the enemy that such a nation never could be vanquished.—By arming her subjects, the constitution was renovated, and the warlike propensities of the people gratified without any great sacrifices of their usual customs; and it will be much more easy to restore those industrious habits which are the best foundation of peace and tranquillity.

But the proclamation of peace will be to Great Britain a new æra of glory. Not satisfied with preserving the liberties of Europe, and exhibiting a spirit of patriotism and devotion to the best rights of humanity, more awful and sublime than appears in the annals of time, she must render her glory everlasting by extending the benefits of maritime commerce to other states, upon the most liberal principles; she must prove the greatness of her power by acts of kindness, by assisting the weak and raising the fallen. She must acquire the gratitude of nations, by promoting their intercourse, and making them feel from experience, that in her hands, greatness of power is ability to do good. Nor will these grand and affecting duties delay the removal of those evils which have befallen her dependencies and colonies from this dreadful war. The sufferings and discontents of Ireland will meet with a patient and unprejudiced investigation; and healing balm will be applied to her diseases with firmness and