

of a large standing army ; and even some of the
 Priests of the altar, were not backward to help to
 fetter you with the iron chains of despotism, as a
 certain well known Rev'd Don, was assiduous to
 promulgate his bug bear essays on the illuminati,
 wherein a truly respectable order were implicated.
 —but I shall forbear to recapitulate the many in-
 novations on your liberties, and the tyrannical
 acts passed in the late administration, as I presume
 they must be fresh in your memories : Suffice
 it when I say that ever since the present mild
 and judicious order of things took place, the fer-
 vile editors of the opposition papers have been
 teeming with violent invectives against those,
 who I cannot but think, their greatest glory
 would be to render them every possible good ;
 which undoubtedly must make such infamous
 scribblers appear ridiculous in the estimation of
 foreigners, while that it has a tendency to inner-
 ate the arm of government, when in pursuit of
 our real interests ;—on the other hand, every act
 of the opposers of our lawful commerce has been
 by these anti-republicans (with few exceptions)
 extolled to the skies. The fullness of time has ar-
 rived, and the scales have fallen from the hereto-
 fore deluded but honest citizens. The late vio-
 lent attack of the British ship of war the Leopard,
 on the United States ship of war the Chesapeake,
 has had the happy tendency to unite as one man,
 the friends of American liberty, in openly and
 manfully bearing an honorable testimony against
 the recent indignity offered our national flag ;
 which in my opinion compleats the first line of
 the eighth and last section of this remarkable
 prediction of Merlin's.—A few remarks on the
 second line and then I have done. Admitting
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