

but I had reason to believe that enough had been said to satisfy Englishmen at least; and I hoped that if other nations had objections to offer, they would not be admitted by our government so precipitately, as to preclude a volunteer in the cause of his country from sustaining against them the arguments he had advanced.

On a sudden, some of these circumstances are unexpectedly reversed.

Within a few days, a pamphlet has been put into my hands, which under a more comprehensive title, discusses the subject of our present dispute with America; and which without professing to be an answer to the work called "*War in Disguise*," controverts its most important conclusions.

Before I had found time to give this antagonist deliberate attention, another has taken up the gauntlet under the formidable armour of a reviewer; and at the same moment, a third, who has not yet issued from the press, menaces me with declared hostility in the form of legitimate war*.

But alas at this moment a rumour has reached my ears, far more alarming than the united attacks of the ablest controversial opponents.

It is said that his Majesty's ministers are on the point of giving way to the injurious claims

* The second antagonist alluded to is a writer in the just published *Edinburgh Review*. The third is an American, whose work is announced for republication in this country.