

and an affected anxiety for your welfare, you were represented as opposers of the voice of God, as well as enemies of the happiness of man ; equally regardless of our domestic virtue, and our public peace. I could enlarge upon this ; but there are many reasons for not proceeding farther. I have done what appeared to be not foreign from my duty, and am content. I only wish it were possible for me to remove the perverse impression, which the late discussion has occasioned, by any means more effectual than the circulation of this Treatise. But this only is allowed to me. It may be defective, but it is earnest and sincere : it is inadequate to my desires, yet, capable, perhaps, of producing some benefit. At all events, it has been written with a determined attachment to the sovereign authority of Scripture ; with zeal for the public esteem of Parliament ; and