

presumption or pretension, yet, with great ability, openness, perspicuity, impartiality, and candour, annihilates every weak or interested argument against the propriety of disclosing to the world the real state of our internal situation and resources.

INDEED, without this aid, so conclusive to the point in question, from what is, and must constantly, from the nature of our constitution, be laid before parliament, none but those who are too dull to understand, or those who are too indolent to take the trouble of a very simple and easy investigation and deduction, need want any material information as to the true state of the nation; and to persons of these descriptions no information whatever will be of any use. I mean therefore to adduce what additional facts have occurred in proof of the two propositions I laid down in the pamphlet I published in the beginning of this year.

THE propositions are :

1st. THAT the demands on the public from the creditors of the public would, on the 5th of January 1783, amount to fifteen millions annually, near money.

2d. THAT there are the most probable inducements to believe, that the neat annual revenue of this country can never be brought for a permanency, and average of years, to exceed twelve millions.

I MEAN likewise to consider, and to give some outlines of conjecture to what extent it may reach, and what relief may be expected to the public from OECONOMY, the chymic gold that pays the debts of every administration; and to conclude with a few reflections