

hearts of your soldiers, but very little to the heads of your Ministers.

It is, however, some comfort to those who wish to defend their own country, rather than to invade America, that the 14,000 men devoted to this slaughter-house are not yet raised, or likely to be raised; that the militia cannot be sent there; and that the few regiments of regulars remaining amongst us cannot be parted with, but at the risk of the Minister's head; which I heartily wish, both for his own sake, and that of his country, may never be forfeited.

How stand our affairs in Africa? Small demand, I fancy, for Birmingham guns, or Liverpool gun-powder; the misfortune is, that we make use of those commodities in shooting one another. The slave trade to the West-Indies, I believe, is at an end, unless we mean to supply the French. We need not import them into this country, we have but too many of that *complexion* already. The Levant trade too, I should suppose, might labour under some little interruption. I do not find that a squadron is ordered upon the Mediterranean service;