

the next flattering mark of public approbation bestowed on the Duke of Kent was in the present of 1,000 guineas, remitted to Captain Dodd his Secretary, to purchase a piece of plate, as a token of the esteem and affection of the inhabitants of Gibraltar; this money was laid out in the purchase of a Garter to correspond with the Star. You, Sir, had indulged your own pride in the Duke of Kent: your own gratification in having previously conferred upon him the rank of General in your Army. I own that with these facts, with such credentials to your favour and claims on the public, I am at a loss to conceive how even obstinacy, wilful blindness, systematic wickedness, and unceasing malice can oppose his return to Gibraltar. It is generally believed that he has laid a statement of his case before Lord Castlereagh; but if he had known as well as I do, the extreme intimacy which subsists between the noble Lord and the great Frederick, he would have considered an application fruitless; the Bank and the Ministry are not more nearly or improperly connected—or the legislators yet contractors who steal into chambers of ministers by the darkness of night, to violate the law and despoil the public.—Has not the Commander-in-Chief, has not Lord Castlereagh enough to do, if he did it? yet they met frequently *before an answer could be framed to the case, and re-*

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selfish view whatever. Had he often acted thus, it were vain to censure, and useless to applaud him.