

"end to their idle hopes *at once*, by reading
 "from a paper in his pocket, a resolution
 "which the Assembly of Virginia had come
 "to, so late as on the 17th of December last."

Having read the resolution, his Lordship
 demanded "what ministers had to say now
 "for this boasted recommendation for which
 "they had stipulated with Congress? Could
 "they say, that the unhappy men who had
 "*fought and bled for this country*, who had
 "given up *their all*, and (a pang the more
 "grievous to minds of feeling) *the all of their*
 "*little families*; could ministers say, that these
 "men who had *said and done and suffered all*
 "that was in the power of human nature for
 "*our cause*, ought not to have had a better
 "security than the present, from *scorn, inso-*
 "*lence, and ruin*? A peace founded on such
 "a SACRIFICE as this, must be *accursed in the*
 "*fight of God and man*."

Lord Loughborough said, "That the 5th ar-
 "ticle of the treaty has excited a general and
 "just indignation. For what purpose could
 "it have been inserted? Those whom it pre-
 "tends to favour receive no benefit from it;
 "for what is the purport of a recommenda-
 "tion? but to those the most entitled to our
 "regard, the *brave and unhappy* men who
 "have

"have not only *given up their property*, but
 "exposed *their lives* in our cause, the distinc-
 "tion admitted to their prejudice is cruel and
 "injurious indeed. In *ancient* or in *modern*
 "*history* there cannot be found an instance of
 "so shameful a desertion of men who had
 "*sacrificed all to their duty, and to their re-*
 "*liance upon our FAITH*. There is even an
 "*horrible refinement* in the cruelty of the ar-
 "ticles: they are told that one year is allowed
 "them to solicit from the lenity of their *per-*
 "*secutors* that *mercy* which their friends *ne-*
 "*glected* to secure; to beg their bread of those
 "by whom they have been *stripped of their*
 "*all*; to *kiss the hands that have been dipt in*
 "*the blood of their parents, and to obtain, if*
 "*they can, leave to repurchase what they have*
 "*no money to pay for*."

Lord Shelburne. "But there remains some-
 "what in these provisional articles still to be
 "considered, which I have never reflected
 "on without feelings as pungent as any which
 "the warmest admirers of the virtues of the
 "Loyalists can possibly have experienced; I
 "mean the unhappy *necessity* of our affairs,
 "which induced the *extremity* of submitting
 "the *fate* of the property of these brave and
 "worthy men to the discretion of their en-
 "emies. I have but one answer to give the
 "House;