

A Peep into Hanover;

OR,

*A faint Description of the Atrocities
committed by the French in that City.*

“ But if you can the mournful Pages read,
The sad Relation shews you such a Deed
As all the Annals of th' infernal Reign
Shall strive to equal or exceed in vain.”

POMFRET'S POEMS.

IT will be remembered, that the Electorate surrendered without Resistance. This we do not mention, as encreasing our Compassion for the Inhabitants, which it certainly does not; but as increasing our Abhorrence of the Invaders, who, without Provocation or Pretext of Resistance, have perpetrated the Atrocities of which the following is a faint outline:

Ever since the Conquest the whole Electorate has been a scene of Pillage and Butchery, which is said to yield only to the Fate of Switzerland, in Spring, 1798. The French Soldiers have the most unbounded Indulgence of their ruling passions of *Rapacity, Cruelty, and Lust*: ----- IN THE CITY OF HANOVER, AND EVEN IN THE PUBLIC STREET, WOMEN OF THE HIGHEST RANK HAVE BEEN VIOLATED BY THE LOWEST OF THAT BRUTAL SOLDIERY, IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR HUSBANDS AND FATHERS, AND SUBJECTED AT THE SAME TIME TO SUCH ADDITIONAL AND UNDESCRIBABLE OUTRAGES AS THE BRUTAL FURY OF THE VIOLATORS, ENFLAMED BY DRUNKENNESS, COULD CONTRIVE. We have seen the Names of some of these unfortunate Ladies; but the Honour of their Families, and the Peace of their own future Lives, (if they can have peace,) forbid us to publish them. The Baron de K----, a well-known partisan of French Philosophy and Politics, went to the Commandant of Hanover, and claimed his Protection, as an Admirer of the French Revolution! but he found no more favour in the Sight of the *Aga of Sultan BONAPARTE'S* janisaries, than the most loyal *Noblemen in Hanover*. The French Officer told him, “ *All that Jacobinism is now out of Fashion --- Go about your Business!*” Nor have we heard, that the Philosophers of Gottingen, the *enthusiasts of Equality and Perfectability* have been at all better treated. --- Such are the tender Mercies of the Wicked! Such are the Gangs of ferocious Banditti, whom the MURDERER of JAFFA let loose on the civilized World! Such, and ten thousand times worse, is the Fate prepared for England, if the valour of her people do not avert it; for England will assuredly be more oppressed in proportion as she is more dreaded, envied, and hated. To shew any symptom of Neutrality in such a Cause, not to support it with all our might, IS THE FOULEST TREASON AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND; and, the poorest honest Labourer, who has a Mother or a Sister, a Wife or a Daughter, has, in truth, as much reason as the highest Duke in the Land to detest the Traitor. Englishmen think of this and profit by Example.

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