

I am still ignorant of the effect which may be produced by this communication; but if, instead of resorting to the only means by which Spain can be saved, or faith maintained with her Allies, the Supreme Junta should continue to multiply precautions for prolonging the duration of their own power, in defiance of the interests of the Monarchy, and of the intentions and wishes of the people, every mischief and every abuse under which the country now labours must be aggravated, and the cause of the Enemy must gain hourly strength.

The auxiliary force of the Allies cannot enter Spain, under such circumstances, with any prospect of advantage, or with any other result than the certain failure of every military operation.

The insurmountable objections which preclude the possibility of entrusting Spain, under her present Government, with the aid of an auxiliary British force, must ultimately apply to every other species of assistance; since it cannot be contended that such a Government as now exists in Spain, can be safely entrusted with the management and disposition of the generous and abundant supplies poured forth by the British Government and Nation, for the service of a cause which the Government of Spain is no longer able to maintain.

The great objects of the alliance between his Majesty and Spain were to assist the Spanish Nation in restoring the independence of the Monarchy, and the happiness, freedom, and honour of Spain; and, by this just and generous assistance, to accomplish the great political advantage of opposing an additional barrier to the ambition and violence of France.

The spirit of the alliance would be entirely perverted, if the liberal assistance bestowed by the British Government and Nation, should serve only to prolong in Spain the continuance of an order of things, equally adverse to the restoration of the legitimate Monarchy, to the happiness and wishes of the Spanish Nation, and to the prosperity of the common cause in which the Allies are engaged.

These observations are made with great reluctance and pain, under a most serious conviction of their truth, and of the severe duty which requires me to express my sentiments without reserve. The duration of the present