

MEMOIRS

AND

RECOLLECTIONS

OF

COUNT SEGUR,

ARRAIGNED FROM PRISON

BY THE COURTS OF RUSSIA AND PRUSSIA,

&c. &c.

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morals in prison, should employ this formula: the slave of your Majesty, with his fervent protest to the earth, supplicates, &c. The new clause, which appeared in 1796, interdicted the usual protest to earth, supplicates, &c. , and ordered that the word *subject*, should be henceforth substituted for *slave*.

Catherine showed herself less arbitrary in all things, than her minister; Prince Potemkin, more particularly, in his favours, as well as aversions, placed himself above the law without scruple, not excepting even those in which the general interest required the most strict execution. I will only cite a public example: M. de Jandine, presented at court by myself, was received with distinction at St. Petersburg, and the Prince, hearing that he wished to take a short journey to Constantinople, and return immediately, promised that his quarters should be disposed with, on re-entering Russia.

At this period, the French were, as it may be seen highly favoured, and yet, great jealousy was displayed with regard to the military and political success of France, as well as its influence. When the cabinet of St. Petersburg heard that Sweden had acceded to our alliance with Holland, it carried its ill humour so far, as to pro-