

fashionable tourists may have had their feelings needlessly wounded, and their delicacy shocked ; but when respectfully treated, they display native politeness, and generosity of sentiment. Time will remove the grosser defects : but may it never, by polishing too deeply, impair that strength of character, which is essential to the permanence of our republican institutions.

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A review of the rapid progress of the United States in population, wealth, and power ; a survey of their present physical and moral condition ; and a comparison of them, in either respect, with other nations, cannot fail to give to an American citizen an elevated conception of his own country, and to justify the loftiest anticipation for the future.

In a period of thirty years, ending with 1820, the population of the republic increased from 3,893,835, to 9,642,150 ; it consequently doubles in less than twenty-five years. In Great Britain, the population does not double in less than eighty years ; and in that country the increase is nearly, if not quite, as rapid as in any other country in Europe.

The augmentation of wealth and power cannot be so easily ascertained. It is the opinion of many, well qualified to judge, that it has been still more rapid ; and when the increase of our exports, which in the same period advanced from nineteen to sixty-five millions ; when the growth of our cities and villages ; the increase of our manufacturing establishments, of our national and mercan-