

period, contain 300,000,000 people, or even the double of that, than to provoke it.

The Reform party, at Boston, were urging a change in the constitution, and it was objected to their plan that it would give an undue preponderance to certain districts in the elections, so that the majority might be ruled by the minority—and this was “tyranny.” The Reformers were also urging the taking from the Governor the title of “his Excellency,” and from the Lieut.-governor that of “his Honour,” the last remnants of the gewgaws of monarchy.

There was, too, at this time, such a surplus in the public treasury at Washington, that they were disputing what was to be done with it!!! Alas! Jonathan, that you should have to die of a plethora of cash. It is not now, as it was with you in days of old, when “the funds that had been regarded as pledged to the university were directed to pay the dowry of the Princess Royal.”

During my stay here I frequently observed parties of volunteers passing through the streets. Military exercises are in great favour with the American people, the tradesmen of the great towns especially, as they find in them a pleasant relaxation from business. They usually make at least a half-holiday of drill day, and dine together in the evening.

This custom is an excellent one, as it renders every small community complete in itself as to means of defence, as well as those of exchange and production. It is thoroughly self-relying as it is self-supporting; and, this is one of those traits in which the American character contrasts so favourably with the British. In that