

will hear nothing from us, until the injuries of which it complains are redressed ; or, in other words, that we must submit to the terms which it shall think proper to prescribe, before it will deign to negotiate, or even to converse on the points in dispute. It has informed us that it is "terrible to its enemies"; reminded us, as it has very frequently done before, that we are indebted to it for our independence ; and promised "that when we bring back our Government to its true principles, we shall again be regarded as friends and allies."

It has said in effect, "you, Americans, whom we redeemed from slavery, when you were about to sink again under the yoke of your former masters, and who for that reason ought to become in all things subservient to us, have instituted a government, which, in the management of your affairs, has presumed to judge for itself, and refused to be guided by our directions. As a friendly admonition of our just displeasure, we take your vessels, confiscate your property, and throw your citizens into dungeons and prison-ships; for we are 'terrible to our enemies.' But as soon as you shall reclaim your government from its errors, and teach it to conform to our will, you shall again be received into favor. In the mean time, having signified to you our pleasure, we expect silent and submissive compliance. We will hear nothing from you, or from this government which has given us offence, until you repent and amend. The rod, under which you now smart, shall still be extended over you, till you kiss it and return to your duty. Then indeed will we hold out the sceptre of forgiveness; for though 'terrible to our enemies,' we are generous to our friends." This is the plain language of their conduct, the true interpretation of their words.

And is America so low, so fallen, that she must tamely and submissively kiss this rod? Has that spirit which twenty years ago, when she had not half her present population, not a tenth part of her present wealth, no government, no bond of union among her