OBSERVATIONS

UPON

THE TREATY OF WASHINGTON,

SIGNED AUGUST 9, 1842.

It will create surprise in some persons to find an inveterate opposition produced to the Treaty of Washington in the United States, that country which will benefit so much by its provisions: but in Treaties of delimitation betwixt independent States, it often happens that individuals suppose they can find just cause for dissatisfaction, both of a public and private nature; for being almost invariably founded upon a compromise of conflicting interests and jurisdictions, they can scarcely be closed without opening a door to the reproaches of interested and offended persons. Those who do not conceive their private interests to have been satisfactorily secured are generally loud and unceasing in the expression of their disapprobation, whilst those who feel that they have nothing left to desire, attribute their good fortune to