

committee-rooms ; its author was treated with the same studious coldness and distrust as before in private life, and vilified with the same violent abuse in public debate, and the quarrel was aggravated into an irreparable breach. The supply bills, demanded by the exigencies of the public service, were delayed, carped at, and reduced to the most parsimonious basis ; and, to crown all, the Revenue Bill, which was to be the fountain of these niggardly supplies, was poisoned by the introduction of an incongruous and fatal ingredient, which it was well known would render it unfit for use, and force the President to its rejection. The distribution of the proceeds of the public lands was a measure which met the approbation of the President at a time when the treasury was full and unembarrassed, and no necessity existed of raising for its supply the tariff of duties above twenty per cent. Circumstances make a measure expedient at one time, when a change of circumstances render it inexpedient at another ; and such a change had been so far foreseen and provided for in the distribution law itself, that it was made to declare that distribution should cease as soon as it should become necessary to raise the duties above the rate heretofore mentioned. Besides, the Compromise Act of 1833, which all the patriotic statesmen of the time united to send, with healing on its wings, over this great empire of vastly-diversified interests and conflicting sentiments, contemplates a permanent reduction of