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carried on), and which is too often mixed up with their personal and social feelings, as well with the due and equitable administration of justice, is by far too general, too deeply-seated in the minds of the great bulk of the population, to admit of the emigrant's taking part in any general discussion or inquiry, where the relative merits of either country may become the subject of disquisition, at least, with any reasonable hope of being able to influence the opinions of others, or of assuring their assent to any proposition, however based, or well sustained, if at variance with their cherished notions of American pre-eminence, or affected belief of British inferiority. They dislike the country, disguise it as they may, while they still fear its controlling power-its just influence amidst the nations of the world; and, though a slight from England would, of all others, be the first to arouse their pride, and give directions to their national feelings, they will, nevertheless, (and in the event of any future misunderstanding), take council by the past-adopt every practicable expedient-submit to every reasonable concession, rather than risk the chances of another war; that, in despite of the very silly vaunting in which they indulge as of their peculiar province-their affected notions of superiority and prowess, would bring with it many positive and dire calamities, for which they are altogether unprepared-closing up every avenue to industry and wealth, and depriving them of those resources, without which, three-fifths of the population could scarcely find means to subsist, at VOL. 11. 2 F

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