

Dutch carried to France produce of French colonies, the property of French subjects. *Whatever may have been the appearance*, such was the unquestionable fact; and certainly this property was lawful prize by the law of nations." (p. 36.) And may not this remark be applied to the American interference in 1806? may it not be said "the Americans carry to France produce of French colonies, the property of French subjects?—Whatever may be the appearance, such is the unquestionable fact."

For what is touching at an American port, even unlading the cargo, and bonding, *not paying*, the duties, but a fraud of which the belligerent sees himself continually and evidently the dupe? What is American import of French colonial produce, *with a view* to its export to France, but an appearance, *in order* to conceal the unquestionable fact of its being a remittance of rent to the non-resident planter residing in France? Though the right appears thus clear, the anonymous author of the "Inquiry into the State of the Nation" questions the policy of enforcing it; and says, the consequence will be, "either the French will be compelled to carry their produce in their own ships, or the English will be allowed to purchase it, and then sell it to the nations of Europe, who will carry it to France; or the produce will be condemned to