

the noble, the liberally benevolent, the universally beloved Powerscourts, whose splendid munificence and unpretending acts of benevolence to all around them, without distinction of creed or party, would fill volumes; of them, the slanderer dares to say, "Grand would be the day when the Powerscourts should be rated at their true value, and when they would be no longer able to ride over Ireland with fetlocks steeped in blood"! He then threatens all who shall dare to oppose him with—what do you think? why with the most wondrous vengeance of *his* sting! He may, however, be assured that when such as he escape the notice of punishment, it is only for the same reason that the noble hound turns with disgust and contempt, from the vermin polecat. I earnestly trust that those who have that feeling will not be disturbed from that dignified contempt, but for myself, it is my opinion, that the friends of our country have stood too much upon their dignities, and that it is not fair upon our humble friends to allow every lying adventurer to pervert the truth, because, forsooth, *he* is beneath our notice. In my eyes, the good opinion of the humblest of my fellow men is of high value, nor shall any chance of unjust injury impede my efforts to retain it. What! shall the Samaritan fear defilement when assisting the wounded stranger? Our country has a wound that no milk-and-water gentility will heal! When the murderous tomahawk of the American Indian is at our doors, it is no time for the elegance of a lady's archery.* I, therefore, am content even to incur

* And those must indeed be strange friends of religion, and of the constitution of their country, who, in a crisis like this, would either openly support the enemies of both, or who would more basely, because more timidly, league with them by holding back. Though Solon's law that justly punished those miscreants of the neuter gender is, unfortunately, not yet the law of England, their punishment in a just contempt for such timidity and selfishness, is nevertheless as a written law in the heart of every genuine Briton.