

tunity to add their enmity,—and if then they never entered Canada but to fatten it with their blood, even more than they impoverished by their pillage; the power which has seldom failed to dictate peace to Europe, and which, alas, though dictating has been duped in every treaty with America; the power, in fine, which wants nothing in her means, no, not even a master mind to direct them,—or wants but one thing, which, if Heaven has not all forsaken us, she cannot want long, that master's mind in her councils,—will enter upon the third American war in a manner equal to her might, and worthy her renown. If the United States prefer this to peace, they must have it; but if, as is hoped and believed, they think peace more desirable, they must fulfil its obligations. It is too much for the Americans to expect the advantages, and forego the duties, of amity; and leave us to the danger and expense of hostility without the chance of its acquisitions, or even hope of its cessation. Our Colonies must be let alone. Though Florida was gained by bullying, and Texas is attempted by piracy; if Spain in its decrepitude thought it cheaper to cede Colonies than to protect them; and Mexico in its infancy has imitated the constitution of the United States till fit only to become their prey; Great Britain is still herself; and neither has dissension so depraved her councils, nor economy so debased her spirit, nor fidelity to engagements so impaired her re-