

rash measures so openly advocated by leading members of Congress, are a consequence of such imagination, or worse still, a concession to a supposed state of public opinion, which perhaps, after all, has no real existence. Any one who understands the American people, knows them to be as generous, and quick to acknowledge what they feel to be candid and correct treatment, as they are hasty and imprudent in resisting what they consider the reverse. Even if their position should be the correct one, upon the question of visit, an amicable settlement of that matter can easily be arranged by diplomatic effort, as far as the slave trade is concerned, which is the only case where the right can ever be objectionably exercised by Great Britain. Let us hope the day is distant, nay, will never come, when these two great powers of Christendom shall so falsify their moral and political creed, as to commit the settlement of such disputes to the bloody arbitration of war.