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All of which must be cheerful reading for the little englander, though calculated to make a Briton's cheek burn with the shame of it.

Of course, those who framed this "self-denying ordinance" imagined -- they always do --- that their weak surrender to the arrogant demands of the American government would result in a "better understanding" between the two countries. The fallicy of this idea is well understood by every Englishman on this side of the Atlantic, endowed with ordinary faculties, but fate seems to have decreed that such knowledged shall never be vouchsafed to British statesmen.

There is a species of swindle common in this country, called the "saw-dust game." Unsophisticated gentlemen from the rural districts are induced to invest their cash in the purchase of counterfeit bills, which they are assured will pass current without difficulty. They remit accordingly, and receive in return a package neatly tied up but containing, instead of the coveted riches, nothing but saw-dust. This swindle has been known to have been successfully repeated upon the same person. So it seems to me, with the British Ministers. They have many times been induced to invest valuable collateral in the hope of securing American friendship and support, and as many times have been deluded, yet they try the experiment ever again. ~~Like the victims of the swindlers~~ Analagous to the experience of the victims of the swindlers their expectations have ever resulted --- and will again --- in nothing but dust!

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