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CHAPTER I.

Reasons for emigrating—The Voyage, and first view of New-York
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introduction—Remarks on the Episcopal Church and Clergy in
the United States—American marriage.

At the latter end of 1831, I left England for America, with a view of adopting the United States as my future country. My reasons for taking this step were similar to those of most emigrants. Dissatisfaction with the Government and the state of things in my own country, by which I had, as I concluded, been hitherto kept back in my fortune, and disappointed in my aims, together with a high admiration of the American Republic, formed the foundation of my reasons for emigrating.

This admiration had been conveyed to me, in some measure, as an hereditary opinion, and was made almost sacred by parental authority. For many years before his death, my father had cherished the intention of becoming himself an American. Whenever, therefore, any real or fancied evil oppressed me, my imagi-