

language, manners, dress, customs, laws, almost government, a second England. No similar example exists in history. Where are the colonies of the Egyptians and Phœnicians, of Greece and of Rome ?

Modern nations may, perhaps, dispute as to which language and code of laws most nearly resemble those of the ancients. But in what part of the world do those people still exist ? Not in Greece ; not in Italy ; for, even in language, the Spanish more nearly approaches the pure Latin than the present dialects of either Rome or Tuscany.

If Britain shall follow the law of nations, and, like all other powerful dominions, shall sink into insignificance and ruin, she will still live in a portion of America as large as half Europe. Probably she will appear also in the vast settlements of New Holland, which will, no doubt, likewise free themselves from the tutelage of a government situated on the other side of the globe.

And does the mother country really lose, by her colonies becoming sufficiently rich and powerful to declare themselves independent ? I believe such ideas are becoming very generally exploded ! Her pride is wounded, her power is somewhat humiliated ; and human nature will not tolerate such injuries without a struggle. But when time has obliterated those causes of