

people are those, which spring from the heart and twine through the affections. The family compact of the States has this for its basis, that their heroes have mingled their blood, in the same contests ; that all have a common right in their glory ; that, if I may be allowed the expression, in the temple of patriotism all have the same worship.

But it is inquired, " what effect will this policy have upon the present exigency ? " I answer, the happiest, in every aspect. To exhibit a definitive intent to maintain maritime rights, by maritime means, what is it, but to develop new stamina of national character ? No nation can, or has a right, to hope respect from others, which does not first learn to respect itself. And how is this to be attained ? By a course of conduct, conformable to its duties, and relative to its condition. If it abandons, what it ought to defend ; if it flies from the field, it is bound to maintain, how can it hope for honor ? To what other inheritance is it entitled, but disgrace ? Foreign nations, undoubtedly, look upon this union, with eyes, long, read in the history of man ; and with thoughts, deeply, versed, in the effects of passion and interest, upon independent states, associated by ties, so, apparently, slight and novel. They understand well, that the rivalries among the great interests of such states ; the natural envyings, which, in all countries, spring between agriculture, commerce and manufactures ; the inevitable jealousies and fears of each other, of south and north, interior and sea-board ; the incipient, or progressive rancour of party animosity ; are the essential weaknesses of sovereignties, thus, combined. Whether these causes shall operate, or whether they shall cease, foreign nations will gather from the features of our policy. They cannot believe that such a nation is strong, in the affections of its associated parts, when they see the vital interests of whole states abandoned. But reverse this policy ; show a definitive and stable intent to yield the natural protection to such essential interests ; then they will respect you. And, to powerful nations, honor comes attended by safety.

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