

treaty from granting to Britain any peculiar facility in trade. It has been suggested rather than shewn that the grant of any exclusive supply of any of the manufactures of Britain would be hurtful rather than beneficial to her genuine interests; would be an evil rather than a good. But, we offer you large markets for your manufactures, say the United States: We give you large credits, says Britain; we furnish you with capital, in proportion to the debts you detain; and we open moreover an extensive market for all your unmanufactured products. Are we not customers to your tradesmen to the annual amount of three million, nay of six million, of sterling pounds, subjoin the United States: The question is not, Britain replies, whether you are a *great* customer, but whether you are a *good* one: Our warehousemen have sense enough to know, that they grow rich by supplying not *one great* customer, but *many small* one's: Our Statesmen see clearly enough, that neither the interest nor safety of the nation can ever consist in trafficking with any one community to so vast an extent, that any accidental failure, or purposed non-importation, would occasion outcries and convulsions; whereby one of the greatest of nations might be subjected disgracefully to her customers and debtors.

It must afford consolation to every honest mind to be shewn, that, in the present state of American trade, it is plainly impossible for the United States to take any legislative step, without promoting the