

*The Commercial Report for January 1806, in the Monthly Magazine, contains the following remarks :*

IN a former number of our Magazine, we stated the leading features of the dispute between this country and America, respecting the alledged unwarrantable capture of their vessels. We then indeavoured to exhibit the precise nature of the complaint ; and though we might, in our unbiassed opinion, have advocated the principles upon which the Americans pretended to regulate their commerce with the belligerent powers, yet we are aware that their practice is replete with fraud and collusion. That the Americans should have availed themselves of any opportunity to extend their trade is not surprising, but that our Government should so long have tolerated this abuse, to the injury of our commerce, is a strong proof of the indulgence and lenity with which they have been treated, and of the unmixed desire in the British ministry to cherish and preserve the relations of amity and good faith between the two countries.

In the moral character of the American nation, however, there appears to be a radical defect. Their interest must be made the primum mobile of every regulation, or they can never be pleased. Their frauds and stratagems have been detected by Spain as well as by us, and a serious misunderstanding is stated to have taken place between them and that power ; but against the mother country their whole vengeance is directed, and a long article has appeared in the *National Intelligencer*, (the demi-official paper of the executive,) animadverting on the injuries received from this country, and insinuating the determination of the next congress to retaliate on us by levying heavy prohibitory duties on our manufactures imported, and to suspend all intercourse with us and our dependencies.

In the actual situation of Europe, in which every individual power has to wage a war, for existence, against the unprincipled and mad ambition of a military adventurer, the Americans ought, as a duty they owe to civil society and to the cause of liberty, which they affect to cherish, to make cheerful sacrifices to the common cause ; and they ought by a magnanimous conduct founded on principle, and not on the grovelling views of temporary advantage, to avail themselves of this opportunity of acquiring the esteem of foreign nations.

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