

sures now pursued. I fear also, that an error has been committed in pointing the debates and measures at a particular portion of the Union...as if violations of the embargo were confined to that quarter. Think ye that the people of Vermont and Massachusetts have been sinners above all the people of the United States? Have there been no violations of the embargo except in New-England? Yes verily. The only difference is, that on Vermont has fallen that *political tower of Siloam*, the President's proclamation. On the coasts of Massachusetts, and the states north of the Chesapeake, almost the whole of our naval force has been sent to cruise, to detect and punish the transgressions of their citizens. This has given an opportunity to the southern states to violate the embargo with impunity. It has been and still continues to be violated, even in that great and respectable state, represented in part by my brother Farmer (Mr. Giles) ;... which state, he has assured us, not only acquiesced in, but applauded the embargo, as a wise and salutary measure. To shew that I am correct, I will communicate to the Senate some information. One of the committee who had a principal hand in drawing the bill, stated, that he was informed by the Captain of a coaster (on whose information I should rely, being acquainted with him, and esteeming him a man of truth, and who had the means of knowledge, being employed in navigating up and down the Potomack) that there was a great display of activity and exertion in transporting the produce of the country, particularly flour, to the banks of the river, and shipping it off for other markets. Confirmatory of this I hold in my hand other information..." Capt. Scovel, who arrived (at New-York) yesterday, " (December 12th) from St. Pierres, Martinique, and Antigua, states " to us, that vessels which daily arrived in distress, in the ports he " visited, were almost exclusively from the southern ports, and the greater " number from the state of Virginia, laden with flour and other provisions."...Again :..." Capt. Scovel who arrived here (at N. York) " last Monday, (Dec. 12) from Martinique, via Antigua and St. Kitts, informs us, that while he lay at Martinique, a Virginia pilot-boat schooner arrived there with 750 barrels of flour, which " the Captain sold for \$30 per barrel...that while at Antigua, in the " course of four days only, three vessels came in there with full cargoes of flour from Virginia...that he saw at St. Kitts a Virginia schooner that had been at Barbadoes with a cargo of flour, sold part, " and then came to St. Kitts with the remainder for a better market." The Secretary of the Treasury informed that the flour which had accumulated in the great flour markets of the United States, was gone; what has become of it? I have heard of no bonfires, except in one instance, to consume some imported gin. One circumstance strongly impresses on my mind a belief, that the products of that state, Virginia, and even the article of tobacco, have found their way to foreign markets; which is, that flour and tobacco, at a particular period during the last summer, when the embargo was in full operation, rose to a handsome price, and that some of her citizens of distinguished rank, were so fortunate as to avail themselves of that price. The gentleman from Maryland (Gen. Smith) also stated sun-