

ering and glaring around the death-bed of the American Union. What prevents us as Englishmen and as Christians from uttering the hope that some more benign influence may ere long disperse those fiends, and call in the angel of peace to cheer the last dying moments of the hopelessly diseased and much enduring sufferer.

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P.S. *March 20.*

To-day's *Times* contains President Lincoln's "proposition"—in which he has the foresight to observe, if it "does not meet with the approval of Congress and the country it is at an end"—"substantially to end the rebellion," by buying up the slaves of those States which will listen to him out of the Federal revenues. The same paper informs us that Congress's Committee of Ways and Means has reported a bill, in which it is proposed to tax, *inter alia*, lard, oil, gas, soap, salt, leather, meat, flour, paper, locomotives of every conceivable description, gold and silver watches, telegraphic messages, incomes, salaries and legacies, &c. &c.

Is deep or shallow the more appropriate epithet with which to designate the suggestion? Is the President jocose or enthusiastic? At least Mr. Lincoln has succeeded in setting the New York papers by the ears.

THE END.