

desist. This then is the rallying point of patriotism ; I use this word in its original sense ;* the sentiment that ought to govern every pen, and animate every heart—save the country from a British war, or all is lost.†

want no other illustration than his attack upon the memory of Ames. The jackall has preyed upon the dead lion. Let it be so.

I know that this is harsh language to apply to any man claiming the rank and feelings of a gentleman ; but the occasion justifies it ; and may "my right hand forget its cunning," if it ever refuses to vindicate the character of FISHER AMES.

"I am worse than a lingerer in my faith," as to the political integrity or talents of Mr. Adams. His employment, by the present administration, under all circumstances, is good proof of the one ; and his "Lectures on Rhetoric and Oratory," a book of common learning, written in a depraved taste, of the other.

* Few men in any country ever had higher or juster claims to the dignified character of a patriot, than Col. Pickering. The numbers now publishing with his name, addressed to the people of the United States, are full of instruction. They are written with great perspicuity, adapted to the times, and are calculated to be extensively useful. Independent of the many important facts already disclosed, which were known to very few ; of the reasonings and admonitions, the result of wisdom and experience, which these addresses contain ; they have an authority which few political writings possess :—the authority of experience, of long and faithful service, and of an unspotted life. The answer he gives to the slanders of his enemies, is a challenge to *examine his private as well as his public life*. What man among his accusers, dares to make such an offer.

† Perhaps there has never been a period in the affairs of the country, which had such strong claims upon the exertions of its friends as the present. Much is done by men whose business it is to enlighten public opinion, I mean the Editors of federal newspapers. Many of these papers, such as the New York Evening Post, the Federal Republican, the Gazette of the United States, the Connecticut Mirror, The Repertory, Centinel, and many others, are conducted with great intelligence and ability. I know the editors are poorly rewarded. The same talents and industry which are bestowed upon many of these journals, would accumulate a fortune, if employed in other pursuits. But there is a sort of reward withheld from some of them, which is very proper to give, because, in truth, the donor receives full value for the same ; and it is very pleasant to receive, because it confers no obligation—I mean the business of advertising. The federal merchants who neglect to advertise in political papers, because some other paper of no political character, or a bad one, has more advertisements in its columns, have very limited notions of their own interests. They are little aware, how much the value of the merchandise, they advertise *exclusively*, in some neutral or stupid vehicle, depends on the labours of men, who are permitted to pursue their toil unrewarded by this cheapest and best mode of patronage.