

British articles in the United States bears a far different proportion to the whole exports from the British dominions ; and the amount of British tonnage employed by all the trade to that country is upon the same average, but 74,138 tons*. Surely, with these facts before them, the American government would never have carried so far their voluntary hostilities against the trade of Great Britain, unless they had learned to apply to her commercial power, that maxim, which the French have found no longer applicable to her conduct in war, "*plus a craindre par ce qu'elle peut, que par ce qu'elle fait.*"

That the Americans may re-establish a non-intercourse with the whole British colonies. (Report to Congress in 1827). They will probably first consider the results of their former non-intercourse, and inquire, whether there be any thing in the present condition of those colonies to render a measure, which proved not only harmless to us but advantageous in 1807, more formidable in 1830. They will first look to the Canadian canals, and find there new means of communication and supply opened, already sufficiently promising, without such further encouragement. There is no probability that the United States will enact a measure, which, if injurious to any but themselves, could never be enforced. Such threats, like the

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