

size and style to that put forth by the Russian minister, and which, I have no hesitation in saying, will be just as free from humbug.

There has been a singular sensation created in the city by some having set afloat a report that the government was about to send out an order to prevent smugglers from holding seats in the colonial assemblies. You must know that since the enactment of the tariff the British manufacturers console themselves with the reflection that their goods still find a market in the States, through the agency of your provincial violators of republican law—and this report coming to their ears, they began to quake, lest by setting such a stigma on a beneficial pursuit, the practice of smuggling would be entirely discontinued and their goods left to moulder on their hands. A meeting was accordingly held at the City Tavern, and a strong and spirited remonstrance forwarded to the foot of the throne, for the recall of the obnoxious despatch, which, said the petitioners, will bring ruin and distress on many an industrious and skilful manufacturer, and force them and their families to rely on the eleemosynary pittance of the parish officers rather than on their own exertions, for a support."

For the present, farewell—I hope to hear from you before I leave England, and trust that by the next arrival I shall receive a series of reports from that *body* in which my *soul* is centred.

Your ever faithful  
Major.

*Doctor*.—By my faith, excellent—every word of it in his old vein; fill up, and let us pledge our friend in a bumper, before we turn to other topics.

*Haliday*.—That we will, for who knows while we are grasping our *cups*, but he may have hold of a *Khan* in Tartary.

*Barrington*.—O! should he go no further than Turkey, he may chance to fall in with *A-Stray-Can* (Astrachan).