

APPENDIX.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN NAVIES.

A STRIKING CONTRAST.

RESPECTIVE STRENGTH AND COST OF BOTH ESTABLISHMENTS.

I commend to the earnest attention of the legislators and the executive officers of the United States, the fact that while the navy of their republic last year cost the country \$21,500,000, and will not cost much less this year, the British navy last year cost \$55,785,000, and this year will cost \$46,250,000. The American navy, including all its vessels, in and out of commission, old hulks used for store and schoolships, and even torpedo boats and yachts, consists of 188 vessels; the British navy consists of 763 ships, of which 249 are in commission. The number of men and boys, including marines, in the American navy, is only 8,000; the number in the British navy this year is 61,000. The building of ships in the American navy has ceased; but in the \$46,000 which the British navy is to cost this year is included the expense of completing a number of vessels now on the stocks; of building a first-class turret ship able to cross distant seas, carrying guns of the largest size, an unmasted ship of the Thunderer class, a frigate of the Constant class, one of a smaller size, and two small ships for service in the Persian Gulf; and of commencing the building of six other vessels. This contrast is so very remarkable, and deserves so much attention, that in order to make it plainer I place the figures in the following tabular form: