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were it not for the hostile feelings excited by the misconduct of your enemy, and our aversion from indulging, at your expense as well as our own, the rapacity of your cruisers;—We will select but one of them: look at the American seaman impressed on board a British man of war; chained to the gun of his oppressor to deal out death to a brother of mankind, perhaps his own brother, and in every case no enemy of his:—see him brought to the gangway for disobedience to an officer who has no right to command him, and even for an effort to advise the officers of his own Government of his situation;—see him wounded in such a cause, and dying by the side of a brave English messmate; and hear their mutual groans;—the one soothed by the reflection that can sweeten death—"I die for my country;"—the other, turning his eyes to the forger of his chains—"I am murdered and unrevenged."—And is it to be imputed to us as a fault that we are at length at war for such, among other causes; because in the hope of redress we have worn out years in seeking the abolition of this practice by just and prudent arrangements between the two governments.—You would make war with all the world for treating a single sailor of yours, as you have treated many thousands of ours. — Nay, you would not spare a precious subject of your own that should commit the comparatively venial crime of putting one of them on shore on a desert Island, where at worst he could only starve; and this multiplied and continual aggression on your part, is not to be considered a ground for War, because we have borne it so long without alleging it as such.

You ought to know, for it is no secret in your Navy, that many of your officers make no scruple to impress an American seaman wherever they can find him; and even boast of it.—Perhaps too if you scrutinize you will find that your own orders to restore such have not always been obeyed.—We do not acquit you of any share in this iniquity;—the shoals of our seamen sent ashore in the Fox administration, and only then, furnished pretty strong presumptive evidence of connivance in their successors as well as in those that preceded them; but we believe you are sometimes deceived, and clear it is, that the best intentions of an administration must fail while officers not immediately under their eye, and wanting men, are licensed judges in their own cause.—We would do every thing in the world,—would even help to procure for you every man to whom you are entitled, according to your own principles and acknowledged practice; but as long as you will not suffer the officer of any nation under the sun to visit your ships, and take out whomsoever he may please to call subjects of his own; you will look in vain for any acquiescence on our part in a measure fraught with such distressing injury to our citizens.

31st Par.—"As if to throw additional obstacles in the way of peace, the American Congress at the same time passed a law, prohibiting all intercourse with Great Britain, of such a tenour, as deprived the Executive Government, according to the President's own construction of that Act, of