

ed. If self-reparation has been attempted in the interim, and assumed in too high a tone and measure, deduction may be claimed for this. Besides, as far as regards the Chesapeake, the first offence lay in harbouring deserters; next in denying their being on board; and lastly in going to sea with a part of them, in face of the very squadron, from which they were obtained. This might be enforced by observing, that Britain, on the other side, expresses "sorrow" and "regret" at the issue; disavows the act of her officer; gives fixed orders as to the future; directs a delicate conduct in searching merchantmen, on the personal responsibility of the Captain; and sends a special minister of apology to America, without obtaining a single stipulation on her side beforehand. The first thing which she asked, namely a separation of questions, was for a time refused; and the second proposition for a recall of the Proclamation, was rejected, unless upon conditions.

It must not be said that there were *other* grievances to be complained of to this special minister; for Mr. Monroe had agreed to lay aside the mention of any, except the two questions as to the Chesapeake and as to the search; and Mr. Madison had abandoned the question as to the search also, saying that "*separation* (that is of the question) was fully accomplished." Mr. Madison, however, perpetually referred Mr. Rose to other matters. He also asserted that the grievance was even now continued, because the men taken were not returned; though as the men had been demanded by Mr. Monroe, and no objection was made on the subject, the surrender was of course, as to the three men still living.

Still less is it to be said, because Britain talks so much of the Proclamation, that she only sent a messenger to get the Proclamation withdrawn. For Mr. Rose refuses to obtain its recall by sacrificing what we call *punctilio*, as being contrary to his orders. Thus the British government prefers sentiment to interest; and thinks (as she thought of old, and as Mr. Madison commends her for thinking) that "reparation would lose its value by being conditional." Nor ought we to wonder at the affair breaking off upon a point of honour, for what is