

Finally, let us bear in mind, that however it may be with our own safety, and that of Old Massachusetts, our honour, at least, is in our hands, and this we may vindicate in spite of fate and the general government. Mean while, let us not vapour and boast, more especially, if in any individual instance or two, we may be worsted. If Mr. Madison, by one of his masterly military manœuvres, converts more defeats into victories, let us brace our muscles and be grave, while the English laugh. If there shall be a battle of Boston, let us fight it as becomes men, (to say nothing about *free, brave, invincible*, and all that stuff;) and when we have done, not imagine that it will make a greater figure in history, than the battle of Leipsic, but be contented with considering the battle of Lake Erie equal to that of the Nile.