

setting of the sun; they have the arrogance to  
 assume an exclusive right to the gates, locks, and  
 keys of the whole Pacific, to the exclusive mono-  
 poly of an ocean, and its numerous islands, which  
 embrace in their extent almost one half of the  
 globe. On what patent, charter, or right, they  
 can found claims so monstrous and absurd, I  
 know not, nor can guess at; certainly not on  
 discovery or occupancy? Is it on the Pope's Bull  
 and omnipotent anathemas, with which about two  
 centuries ago they sailed, with their invincible  
 Armada, to subdue England? In the present case  
 they have equal pretensions and justice on their  
 side, and, I trust, will meet with equal favour and  
 success. Indeed their avarice and conscious cri-  
 minality may well be alarmed—the ghosts of  
 murdered millions of the natives of that conti-  
 nent are yet screaming for vengeance on their re-  
 morseless butchers—ten millions more of their  
 wretched descendants are, with broken hearts,  
 incessantly supplicating Heaven to relieve them  
 from their rigorous bondage—to send to their de-  
 liverance some generous and compassionate na-  
 tion,