

and the south on the subject of slavery are common to both cases; but in the former case the material interests of the neighbouring states are either indifferent or hostile, while in the latter they are allured by the prize of the cheapest, easiest and shortest passage to the ocean. Put Louisiana in place of Texas to make the cases more parallel; and then consider, whether a country, that commanded the only outlet of the western states, would have been suffered, like Texas, to walk through the world alone.

Even if our neighbours condescend to tolerate the freedom of our own choice, how are we to maintain our rank among the nations. Our army (nay smile not, for an army we must have) will decimate itself every month by desertion, unless it may rather vary the monotony of discipline by the periodical Saturnalia of military despotism. Our navy (for a navy also we must have,) besides requiring here and there a hired haven during the winter or lying high and dry more than half of the year, will be manned only by the dregs of the fleets of England and America. Our naval prospects we may perhaps improve by uniting with the Lower Provinces, provided always that their fulness of time may happen to coincide with our own, but even thus we can hardly hope to withstand the constant pressure of our neighbours along a frontier of two thousand miles.

If, then, we resolve to live and die in our

allegiance, we must task our vigilance against every measure, which, under whatever pretexts it may be urged, tends to sow discord among us. **Knit** band of brothers for maintaining the integrity of the empire, as the best guarantee of our own solid and permanent interests, let no subordinate question of any kind or of any degree enter as a wedge into our resistless phalanx. It is only thus, that we can directly and constantly thwart our insidious foes, who, whether religion or reform or revenue or improvement be their watch-word, have their hearts leagued together by the elastic tie of revolutionary malignity. Fear not, quail not, shrink not in the height of triumph or in the depth of defeat; it is not merely as a body but as individuals that we must acquit ourselves like men and fight, for "England expects **EVERY MAN** to do **HIS** duty." When tempted by momentary or local advantage to fraternise for an hour with the spirit of rebellion, forget not the important truth, that party-spirit is in public life, the most powerful of all impulses, and that pride of consistency may prevent us from deserting those to-morrow, whom we have supported to-day. Flee all temptations through the exalting and purifying reflection, that on your fidelity, as the key-stone of England's colonial dominion, depends the salvation of an empire such as the world has never seen, since Noah descended as Sovereign of the green earth from the pinnacles of

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