

The author has been very particular in giving day and date of each battle, the time of action accurately, also the generals and officers engaged through the whole of this campaign, North and South, with their different nationalities—their bravery and timidity. He considers it unjust, to conclude this introduction without referring to that all absorbing cause, the privateer *Alabama*. In his belief, the principal point in agitation so long was the contrivance of a subtle scheme, concocted by the Secretary of State, Seward; his view was principally based on the coming election, which takes place in November, 1868, and in truth, every effort is made to secure a large vote from the foreign element which is largely represented in the Union. Now, any candidate hostile to Great Britain would be most likely to secure such influence, which in time of an Election would be somewhat important, and undoubtedly command the Fenian vote. President Johnston, through the influence of the Secretary of State, in all probability, may resort to such means, to enable him to obtain the Presidency; as the latter having always proved hostile to England, through whose instrumentality of late, fifty thousand dollars was voted by Congress, to be exclusively placed at the disposal of the Fenians now agitating through England and Ireland.

Quarrelling with England over the Alabama case is like the following :—

It reminds us of poor Crispan's wife  
When the dillo had doubled her chat,  
No matter what befell her through life,  
She blamed her poor Crispan for that.  
'Tis much with the Yankee the same;  
Whenever they blow in a brawl,  
Somebody is sure for to blame—  
John Bull then is branded with all.