

It has said in effect, " you Americans whom
 " we redeemed from slavery, when you were
 " about to sink again under the yoke of your former
 " masters, and who for that reason ought to be-
 " come in all things subservient to us, have insti-
 " tuted a government, which, in the management
 " of your affairs, has presumed to judge for itself,
 " and refused to be guided by our directions.
 " As a friendly admonition of our just displeasure,
 " we take your vessels, confiscate your property,
 " and throw your citizens into dungeons and pri-
 " son ships ; for we are ' terrible to our enemies.'
 " But as soon as you shall reclaim your govern-
 " ment from its errors, and teach it to conform to
 " our will, you shall again be received into favor.
 " In the mean time, having signified to you our
 " pleasure, we expect silent and submissive com-
 " pliance. We will hear nothing from you, or from
 " this government which has given us offence,
 " until you repent and amend. The rod, under
 " which you now smart, shall still be extended
 " over you, till you kiss it and return to your
 " duty. Then indeed will we hold out the scep-
 " tre of forgiveness ; for though ' terrible to our
 " enemies,' we are generous to our friends." This
 is the plain language of their conduct, the true
 interpretation of their words.

And is America so low, so fallen, that she must
 tamely and submissively kiss this rod ? Has that
 spirit which twenty years ago, when she had not