

American citizens were barbarously treated. It will be long before the country can forget the death of General Sinclair, or the massacres of the Indians.

If there existed any partiality on the part of the Union, it would account for it. When the war at last happily terminated by the valour of General Wayne, in 1794, concluded with a peace that we might at last inhale the pure air of our hearts, and live at length in peace, it was only to be seen by her without ceasing to be at war with France, the carrying on of the trade and greatly enriched the country. It resolved to put a stop to the rule of '56, a short period, in order to emancipate the commerce. It was founded on the principle that neutrals ought not to be drawn into a course of war to a belligerent, but that the course between its different nations was in reality, the violation of the sovereignty of the neutrals, allowed up by orders of

council which restricted the American commerce, and exposed many of our ships to capture and condemnation. Britain not satisfied with these violations of the sacred laws of nations, established a new rule of blockade: but which she affected to consider as merely retaliatory; this was placing her enemy's ports in a state of blockade by mere proclamation, and without stationing any efficient force. Under these and many other pretences, the American flag could only be said to float on the ocean at her will and pleasure.

There was another grievance which she practised upon us, even more insupportable than those enumerated. Very soon after our commercial enterprise began to spread its wings, it was found that our seamen were exposed to be taken on the high seas, from underneath the flag of their country, and dragged on board the British men of war, where they were compelled to serve for years. No Algerine servitude could be worse. The abuse was very soon so severely felt as to become a cause of indignant remonstrance on the part of President Washington, and afterwards of every successive statesman, to whom was entrusted the safety of the commonwealth. The British alleged in excuse, for it was nothing more, the