

writer, who, moved by erroneous impressions of British justice and Royal duty, denounced the offence. It is true also that the acts and deeds of colonists, especially of such colonists as the writer having no English connexions, can be known only as described, and represented or misrepresented by those dignitaries. This fact may possibly account for much partiality, much injustice, and more intentional omission. But respect and courtesy are correlative, and at least on this continent no man of feeling, education and refinement, with the manners, habits and sentiments of a gentleman, especially if studiously respectful to others, can be expected to overlook a marked breach of courtesy in any quarter whatever. Knowing, too, the pretensions of Europeans, most men of any spirit would be on their guard lest they should appear to have admitted them. On the occasion referred to in the following letters, then, the cup ran over. After vainly waiting for three months to afford time for acknowledgment, the writer felt that he was emancipated and that he had a duty to perform, a mission to assume. He knows the penalty—he foresees the ruin to which in terrorem and to gratify the men *from the old country* he is unavoidably devoted; but trusting in God, he dares to hope that having been preserved in such remarkable health and vigor, he is destined yet to play an honorable perhaps an important part, and a part conducive to the welfare of his country. He expects no reward; he cannot even hope for the *sympathy* of those whom it is his intention to serve. As heretofore, he will do his duty, and whatever he himself may suffer, his countrymen awakening at length to a sense of their *degradation*, will profit by his exertions.

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