

had seen effected by British subjects in carrying out a revolution in Greece: By British subjects in carrying out a revolution in Portugal.

Then, if we may put confidence in the public accounts of the day, as often as any of the British subjects who have been engaged in revolutionary movements of other countries have been captured by their adversaries, Her Majesty's Government have sent commissioners to intercede for them and to prevent their being subjected to punishment; and in many instances their liberation has been demanded in the name of the power of the British nation.

In view of all these matters, my Lord, it is an opinion adopted by a large majority of the people of the United States, that Her Majesty's Government have no justification for the treatment bestowed upon our fellow citizens now prisoners in their hands. Indeed, my Lord, we must regard the course of the French people adopted on a recent occasion as a rebuke to Her Majesty's government for their conduct in this matter; inasmuch, as that when within a very recent date, an expedition having been fitted out in London and embarked on board a British vessel, sailed direct from thence for the coast of France, where the expedition was landed and an attempt made by it to effect a political revolution in that country; and when the expedition had failed entirely, and every person belonging to it was either killed or taken prisoner; yet not an individual who fell into the hands of the French Government, of that expedition, as prisoners, was condemned as a felon; but each and every one of them taken, has been detained as political prisoners.

It is difficult, my Lord, to suppose a government like that of Her Majesty's, could entertain vindictive feelings towards any individuals whom they have in custody as prisoners; and the more especially towards those who are known to possess no political influence whatever; and who in the matters in which they have been implicated, were but subordinates and of the rank and file. Then, can it be for the honor, or in any manner accrue to the benefit of the British nation longer to detain in the condition of common felons the American citizens whom Her