

It is not with pleasure that I recur to these transactions. I wish they were blotted from the page of history—and effaced from the memory of mankind: My nature leads me much more to pity the French emigrants than to aggravate their sufferings;—but the cant of British reproach for French forfeitures, is so very *very gross*, that it appeared to me a duty to notice it, in a publication, the drift of which is to annihilate animosity between the two states—as the greatest good that I am capable of rendering to my country.!!

Should the extinction of that animosity be found indeed impossible;—then is my conviction quite positive, that England will gain a loss, though peace were signed to-morrow; and though the French directory should descend from its relative altitude, to concede terms to this country, beyond the hope of the most sanguine Englishman!

To close this last clause of my subject—I can perceive nothing in the conduct of the government, or the complexion of the nation, to furnish any expectation of a change from that system against which every day in the last four years bears such decisive testimony. The country seems devoted. It is remarked of men, and of nations, who have seen better times than in the midst of adversity, they retain the habits of their former fortune.