

fortunate issue, which fully justifies the confidence reposed in the enterprise.

Permit me, sir, to accompany this letter with the two pieces of silk, presented me by the *Fuen* of Canton, as a mark of his good disposition towards the American nation. In that view I consider myself as peculiarly honoured in being charged with this testimony of the friendship of the Chinese for a people who may in a few years prosecute a commerce with the subjects of that empire, under advantages equal, if not superior, to those enjoyed by any other nation whatever.

I have the honour to be, with the most perfect respect, sir, your most obedient and very humble servant, **SAMUEL SHAW.**
The honourable the Minister of the United States for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Jay laid this letter and the two pieces of silk mentioned in it, before Congress. They were pleased to return the silk to Mr. Shaw, and ordered Mr. Jay to inform him that they felt a peculiar satisfaction in the successful issue of that first effort of the citizens of America, to establish a direct trade with China, which did so much honour to its undertakers and conductors."

It was the sentiment of some of the wisest statesmen of whom Great Britain could ever boast, that Canada should be left nothing to envy in her neighbouring States. A sentiment which if uttered in vain, will assuredly in no far distant times, involve consequences of direful import to our mother country. "*Non meministi verbum preceptoris*"?

If the Representatives of the people be aware of their strength, and of the sacredness of their trust; if they be alive to the causes of our dilapidated and degraded state, they will have the glory to uplift us from the mire, and start us in a race of prosperity with the U. States, who, though she have been running these forty years, we should not despair of overtaking.

We are told, on all hands, what wonderful natural facilities we have for trade and commerce! How pleasing it must be to a child, to be shewn heaps of the nicest cherries in the world! but alas! if the child be denied a taste of them, what would be its feelings? why like ours, who are amused with talk about our trading facilities, without being allowed to avail ourselves of them. As a plaster for our sores, at the crisis of their utmost smarting, we are deridingly told to **GROW HEMP!!!** * and in the very quintessence of complaisance, the House of Assembly votes some hundreds of pounds to buy a machine for dressing it! Surely the members must have been crazy.—I cannot withstand the temptation of giving another extract from an American paper. Heavens! what a contrast to our desolate, grass-growing streets, and our few greedy, starving pedlars, self-dubbed Merchants!!!

Appearance of our Wharves.—The present is truly a busy time in New-York. The southern and the northern markets seem to be employing every hand, and tasking the strength of every mercantile

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