

place confidence in them; and without a force sufficient to keep them in check, they are more plague than profit."

Although the following article has no connection with the documents, for the perpetuation of which this volume was put to press, the editor thinks is sufficiently interesting to the people of the United States to give it a place here. The introductory paragraph, within brackets, is from the pen of the able and patriotic editor of the "*Baltimore Weekly Register*."

British Parliament.

[The following debate is, in many respects, highly interesting to the people of the U. States. If the representation of lord *Cochrane* be true, how humble is the state of the British sailor!—If what Mr. *Croker* advances is correct, how honorable to our own tars!—Little did Mr. C. apprehend the splendid eulogium he was passing on the *American* seamen, in the portrait he gave of the gallantry of those they so easily conquered.]

JULY, 1813.—STATE OF THE NAVY.

Lord Cochrane rose in pursuance of his notice, to call the attention of the house to the present state of the navy.—