

on the table, and the same business and partisan-spirit, the occupant of the room and again to private life, is five [?], divested of his feathers, worse for his campaign at

no warning seems omitted to earn patriotism, and a statesman's wheel as gracefully to resign office as to bring the and the minister's furniture to the door on the day of his evening of his first drawing-ave read at the auctioneer's boasted purity of a popular dour of real virtue, and the counterfeits! Indeed, so s thus practically presented, him against the punishment of fortune, then newly sunk in old bear.

terers had stood, with smiles now cheapened on account and the peculiar obsequious- l been scraped at audiences ls and dishes, the cups and impering mouths had been y dry from the unavailing they of the hollowness and had recently embellished! ed my secret contempt and ve saved him the pangs of nings are salutary. If they affected me, a walk through re the most ambitious and ers.

Washington have had intelli- o afford much interesting in-

formation in relation to public men and national affairs. What we receive through the newspapers, or other channels little more correct, passes under their own eyes. And indeed, perhaps, no part of the country is left so much alone to form unbiased opinions. While speeches are made in Congress, written out, amended, and published by thousands to influence some county, state, or number of states, nobody tries to discolour things to the Washingtonians, knowing that it would be in vain. Every thing is therefore left to be seen by them without disguise; and the consequence is, they often form correct opinions, and speak with becoming frankness. It is gratifying also to reflect, that local interests and influences are not likely to engross and control the attention of the government in so great a degree as they have often done in large cities; and there is no mob to overawe or even to threaten their freedom.

To an American who has seen any of the capitals of Europe, the absence of military display is one of the most agreeable features in view, wherever he turns. There is not a soldier to guard gates or doors in Washington, with the single exception of those at the navy-yard, a mile or more from the capitol. The total want of every sign of military preparation is also very accordant with one's feelings. After the last war with England, a felon imprisoned for some crime confessed, as I recollect, that during his career of iniquity he had entered into a conspiracy to seize President Madison, and deliver him to the British ships then lying in the Potomac, while he was a sentinel to guard the President's house. As there was not even a wall of sufficient height to prevent an approach to the doors, and no other obstacle, such a plan might have been easily accomplished, I suppose, under favourable circumstances, by mere surprise. Though danger was thus in one instance incurred by the neglect to take military precautions, how much better it is than to have the display of paid soldiers at every turn, and to become familiar with the music and the weapons of death! From some acquaintance with the feelings and habits of foreigners, I can say with great confidence, that probably a large proportion of the intelligent men of Europe would