

ricans have less cause to cherish the animosities of the revolutionary war than we ourselves have : and the naval supremacy of our country is unquestionably productive of greater advantage than inconvenience to the United States. The origin, therefore, of the French bias, which at present distinguishes the American government, must be sought for in other circumstances. The result of my observation on the state of parties in America was, that this bias proceeded partly from the animosities of the revolutionary war, partly from the jarring views and interests of the different sections of the Union, partly from the prejudices of certain leading statesmen ; but chiefly from the excessively democratic nature of the American government, from the universal suffrage which is its distinguishing feature, and the violent party contentions by which such a government must always be agitated.

It is the last of these circumstances, the nature of the American government, to which, as the most powerful of the causes we are investigating, I shall first solicit your attention, In