

That whole section has risen, almost as one man, for the purpose of driving from power, by one great constitutional effort, the guilty authors of this war. If they have failed, it has been, not through the want of will, or of exertion, but in consequence of the weakness of their political power. When in the usual course of divine providence, who punishes nations, as well as individuals, his destroying angel shall, on this account, pass over this country, and sooner, or later, pass, it will,—I may be permitted to hope, that over New-England his hand will be stayed. Our souls are not steeped in the blood, which has been shed in this war. The spirits of the unhappy men, who have been sent to an untimely audit, have borne to the bar of divine justice no accusations against us.

This opinion, concerning the principle of this invasion of Canada, is not peculiar to me. Multitudes, who approve the war, detest it. I believe this sentiment is entertained, without distinction of parties, by almost all the moral sense, and nine tenths of the intelligence, of the whole northern section of the United States. I know that men from that quarter of the country will tell you differently. Stories of a very different kind are brought by all those, who come trooping to Washington for place, appointments and emoluments; men, who will say any thing to please the ear, or do any thing to please the eye of Majesty, for the sake of those fat contracts and gifts which it scatters; men, whose fathers, brothers, and cousins are provided for by the departments; whose full grown children are at suck at the money-distilling breasts of the treasury; the little men, who sigh after great offices; those who have judgeships in hand, or judgeships in promise; toads, that live upon the vapour of the palace; that swallow great men's spittle at the levees; that stare and wonder at all the fine sights, which they see there, and most of all wonder at themselves,—how they got there to see them. These men will tell you, that New-England applauds this invasion.

But, Mr. Speaker, look at the elections. What is the language they speak? The present tenant of the chief magistracy rejected, by that whole section of country, with the exception of a single state, unanimously. And for whom? In favour of a man, out of the circle of his own state, without much influence, and personally almost unknown; in favour of a man, against whom the prevailing influence in New-England, had previously strong political prejudices, and with whom, at the time of giving him their support, they had no political understanding; in favour of a man, whose merits, whatever in other respects they might be, were brought into notice, in the first instance, chiefly, so far as that election was concerned, by their opinion of the utter want of merit of the man, whose re-election they opposed.

Among the causes of that universal disgust, which pervaded all New-England, at the administration and its supporters, was the general dislike and contempt of this invasion of Canada. I have taken some pains to learn the sentiments, which prevail, on