

not even then prepared to embark in those movements, so unfortunate to us all, (for I too, my Lord, have been a prisoner in the hands of Her Majesty's Government for many dreary months,) until public meetings of our citizens had been held along the whole borders from Maine to Michigan; at which meetings clergymen, members of congress and of the state legislatures, judges, justices of the peace, lawyers, physicians, and others of the most respectable of our citizens presided as officers; and the most eloquent of our countrymen were speakers—who in their addresses, declared the struggle of the Canadians, “not alone the cause of the people of those Provinces—but ours—of free government—and of all mankind. The cause of true religion and of God!” and they bade us “go to the aid of the Canadians; to go by ones—by twos—and by threes;” and they proclaimed it “*to be a cause glorious, even to fail in;*” while our people put their hands to their pockets to furnish the means; and having given arms to numbers of the young and chivalrous of our country, them they sent off to fight in the cause of political freedom. Therefore, if we were guilty of wrong, it was equally the wrong of those who sent us; and if we have offended, it was no more our offence than that of the whole American people.

But as it must be known to your Lordship, in this the people of the United States did no more than has been done by British subjects in almost every country on the face of the earth, where there has been presented the same state of political affairs which existed in the Canadas in 1837 and 1838.

All that we had proposed in aid of the people of the Canadas we had seen given by British subjects in aid of the people of all of the revolted colonies of Spain in South America: By British subjects in aid of the people of a revolted colony of Portugal, on the same continent.

All that we had offered in support of the revolutionary movements of Canada, we had seen given by the British subjects in aid of a revolution in Spain: By British subjects in aid of a revolution in Portugal; and by British subjects in aid of a revolution in Circassia.

All that we had aimed to effect in the Canadas, we