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THE COURIER.

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Commodore Stockton on the Slavery Question.

Daniel Webster, the distinguished Senator, forwarded the "Commodore" a copy of his Compromise Speech, soliciting his unbiased opinion, "as a competent judge, out of the strife of politics," and as having "as great a stake as any man in the preservation of the Union." The response extends over four columns of the New York *Herald*, and we are largely into a review of the Slavery question. Of course it will be perused with unmingled pleasure by every unprejudiced mind. The weapons with which he arms himself are drawn from the same store-house as his antagonists, though he does at times into the loftier regions of philosophical reflection, and pursues his theories by the light which signal instances of Divine interposition place in his hands. He resembles Mr. Alison in his reiterated references to the manifestation of Divine will—his abiding conviction of the far-seeing wisdom which controls our affairs. The first extract we make casts a rapid glance over the events which signalized the revolution, and matured American nationality:—

"It appears to me that the same truth to which the views of our fellow citizens should be directed in the present emergency, is this—That God works in the affairs of men by means and agencies adapted to his purposes; and that to understand His will, we must study in the school of His Providence, and take counsel from the observation of the events which regulate our own. The destinies of men and of nations are in the bosom of the Most High. He sees in the history of the past the will here in the history of the future; and he who has most clearly noted the sequences of the one, has most clearly seen that the great characteristics which have marked the progress of every emancipation in every age, have eventually resulted in the establishment of some grand destiny, in which the hand of Providence, though for a time obscured by shadows, has been at last clearly and distinctly seen.

Of this our own history furnishes a luminous example. The preparation for the erection of the great temple of civil and religious liberty we now inhabit, began in the discoveries and conquests of the 15th century. The materials for it were fought for and schooled by providential trials, and disciplined to the work they were to complete. And it is as rational to suppose the world was the result of chance, as to suppose that the combination of events which led them to this confident, which checked and preserved their natural energies, which brought about the revolution and its results, and has made us what we are, was the work of chance. It is the whole interpretation we have in us here, that He who founded the republic will save it—that He has great purpose to accomplish yet, and that they will be handed through successive years for ages to come, for perfecting the institution of a national freedom here, and for extending them to all other continents.

Though men were the instruments, the American revolution was the work of supreme power—the actors in it but blindly looked back with astonishment at the course they had taken, and the events that had been accomplished. The greater the event, the more clearly was the hand of God seen. Always those seem to be the greatest whose actors seem least to be the greater the glory, the more heartily always has been its acknowledgment that a superior destiny controlled the decisions. The American solution is the result of a fearful struggle. American freedom was won by no means the sufferings undergone in the conflict. The series of events by which it was accomplished we see now side by side distinctly mark. Through the instrumentality of the early colonists, to the solemn and final acts of the early colonists, to the establishment of the Union, when popular freedom first began the contest with arbitrary power in the civil wars of England, and its pathway is everywhere marked with patient endurance and nobly sacrificed.

Things permanently good are of slow growth—the offspring of hardship, they are made strong through suffering. So universal in this law that the most hasty minds have a secret misgiving of the efficacy of hasty products; and we would as soon expect full-ripened grapes to hang on the bursting and perils of a dangerous campaign, as that an undisciplined community could triumph in the first fiercest of all warfares, the warfare which marks at first the pathway to national existence, greatness, everywhere the pathway to national existence, greatness, and happiness.

More than two centuries have passed since the events which were to result in founding the republic were put in motion; and who does not perceive, both in our colonial and constitutional history, that the process by which we have arrived at a comparatively few years, came to the full