

last American War by Sir Alexander Cochrane and made a present by that Admiral to the Province of Nova Scotia : (It may be mentioned by way of parenthesis, that these are the Gentry for whom John Bull has lately paid to the United States, the good round sum of £300,000* by way of Indemnification; such was the Decree of the Mighty Autocrat of the North, the President's *firmest but most distant Ally.*) These poor shivering Devils have striven hard, with the barrenness of the Soil, and Inclemency of the Climate, and it would be injustice, were I not to add, that they are a quiet, industrious and sober Race. I must remark by the way, that it is their own fault (or rather the fault of designing and mischievous people for illadvising them) that they are not in a Climate more genial to their birth and habits. When this abduction, or whatever name you please to give it, took place, and no remedy could be applied, Government determined on sending them to Trinidad, made most liberal arrangements for that purpose, allotted them portions of Land in the Island, and hired Vessels for their conveyance : before, however, this beneficial measure could be accomplished, the idea got among them (or rather was circulated as I before observed) that they were to be sent back to their old Masters, or landed in some
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* " The Slave Convention having been ratified by the United States, His Majesty's Minister, Mr. Vaughan, has paid over to Mr. Clay \$600,000 or one *half* of the entire Sum, agreeable to the 3d Article of the said Convention."—New York Albion, 20th Jan. 1827.