

of which has been passed out of England, learnt to "prove all things," and have also endeavoured to "hold fast that which is good." Hence I am not blind to the defects and evils of my country and its institutions, of my countrymen and their prejudices, and can perceive the excellencies and merits of other nations, and other systems, as well as of those which in my youth I admired, in my manhood approved, and to which in my age, I give the praise of being, all things considered, still the best that I know of. But I have been the more sensible of the defects that exist, and the evils that arise from time, distance, and circumstances, in the operation of the British constitution and government, when extended to colonies and conquered provinces, from having personally sustained oppression and injustice, persecution and proscription, in a colony and a conquered province. If therefore, my exertions are directed towards the detection and exposure of abuses, the resistance of encroachment, and the resumption of the truly free and noble spirit of the British constitution in these provinces, I hope the public will perceive in them not only veneration for that constitution, loyalty towards the monarch, and affection for and pride in the name of Englishman, but also a cosmopolitan desire to render all men, "of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues," happier, nobler, more independent, more worthy of the name of freemen, and more worthy to possess a FREE PRESS.

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— *Hæc dira meo dum vulnere pestis*
Pulsa cadat, patriam rencabo inglorius urbem VIRGIL

MR MACCULLOH,

Fortunate indeed would be the situation of this country, if those who have entered it would return to their own native land, with the satisfaction of having put an end to the political disturbances that have agitated us so long. The future historian of the country, instead of recording deeds of avarice, meanness, and venality, would dwell with pleasure upon the actions and merits of such men, he would claim in their favour, from their fellow citizens, that esteem and affection to which they would be so justly entitled, and hold them up to posterity as examples worthy of imitation. But such men are seldom to be found. The far greater part of those who visit the *Wilds of America* are allured by the prospect of amassing treasure, alike regardless of the prosperity of the country, and of the welfare of its inhabitants, instead of appeasing our political troubles, they foment and cherish them. The others, but too well known by their low cunning and hypocrisy, and whose tongues, seldom