receive as a boon from the hands of the English from Asia.
Ground at
At this point only perhaps a full equivalent might be found for
the British act of Suicide — But we will go farther and suppose
ourselves in a war with some superior naval power, & that
power were to undertake seriously to homogenize our
Southern States by an alliance with those barbarians
of the West Indian Islands, and they were to succeed by the aid of such alliance and
by the destroying & temporary stoppage of
the cultivation of Cotton in our southern States — The supposition need
be can no farther, and what then would be our foreign
Commerce? — Gone — Where then our internal Commerce?
a mere bagatelle, hardly sufficient to place us by the side
of many of the South American States — With our commerce
We cease to loose our rank among nations, and then we loose our commerce and naval power for which
will cease to respect our naval power. — We might next
expect to find this union divided & broken up into petty military
despotisms with no more claims to the high character as
freemen we are aspiring after, than some of the other nations
nations to the South & West of us. England by this result would regain
that monopoly of commerce of which she have partially divested her. X
Your Committee would feel degraded in their own
estimation, if they could for a moment believe that the
prejudices & spirit, or their jealousies of a brilliant &
and wise and powerful nation, could at all influence
them to ascribe to that nation a motive for their U.S. legislation of such insidious
& mischievous Character, for their recent & late Indian Policy
'tis — On the Contrary we take great pride in deducing
our lineage from such noble sires, so wise & wonderful a people and we feel well
assured, that all the valuable traits in our liberal and
republican institutions, have been drawn from the sheets declarations &
of her great Statesmen & Politicians. Patriots & Statesmen
and that it requires no apology for making it.
But we feel
safe in this ascription, when we know that this motive
has been charged upon her by some of her own Statesmen
within the purlieus of the Throne, and through channels
entitled to the highest Credit & respect. We would invite
American Statesmen to read with attention, the british
periodicals on this subject, and particularly the number
of the Quarterly Review for Decr 1834. We regret to
have felt under the necessity of making this long, and to
in so many matters
some extent an uninteresting communication, but the subject is of thereby and vital
importance, and we have thought proper to enter into

X The inevitable conclusion of our Statesmen, if not