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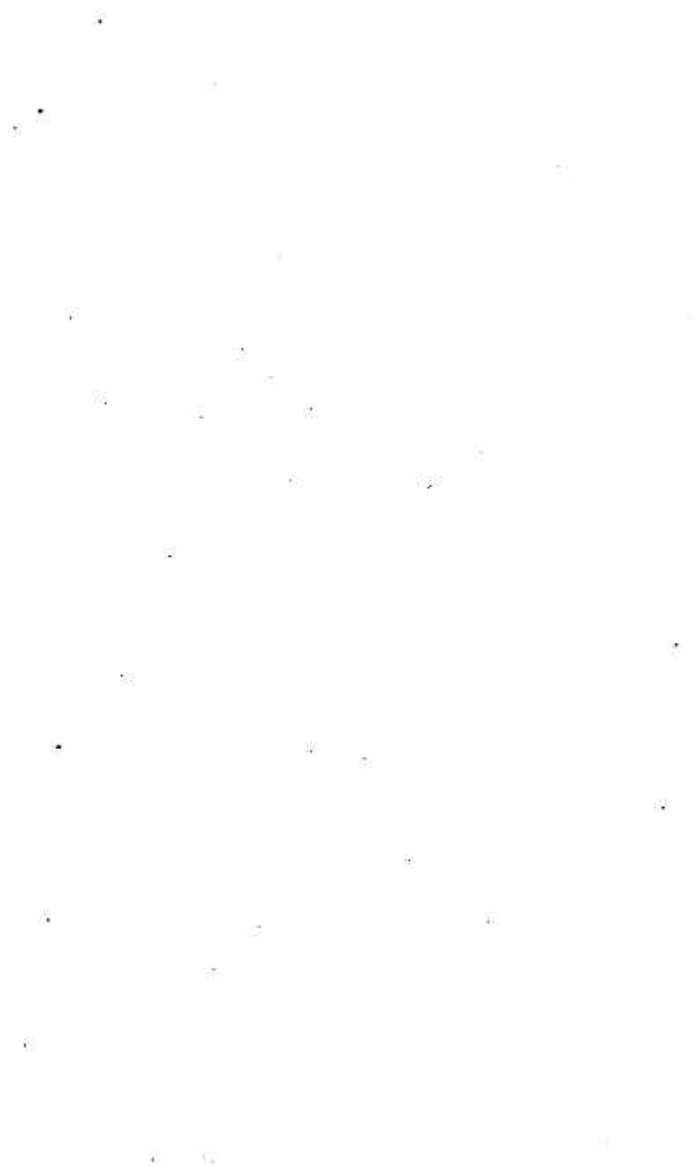
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TO
THE RIGHT HON. HENRY LORD BROUGHAM,
THE LONG-TRIED, PERSEVERING, AND FAITHFUL FRIEND
OF
HIS COUNTRY AND MANKIND,
This Work is Dedicated,
WITH SENTIMENTS OF PROFOUND ESTEEM,
BY
THE AUTHOR.



PREFACE.

THE Author of this work has enjoyed peculiar advantages for the study of the important issues now agitating the United States. A resident during five years in that country, he witnessed many of the occurrences herein related, while professional duties in connection with the press, during the last Presidential election, introduced him, as it were, behind the scenes, and afforded him the opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with many of the leaders of opinion in the American Republic.

Englishmen and Europeans generally have, hitherto, felt little interest with regard to trans-Atlantic concerns. Now, however, that the state of American politics is likely to seriously and immediately affect ourselves, a general desire is arising to obtain increased information upon a subject

fraught with so much importance to the manufactures and commerce of the world at large, and involving the destinies of a race which the white man has held in bondage, in defiance of the Almighty's laws and the dictates of political economy.

That the facts contained in this volume may arrest the attention of philanthropists and statesmen, and secure the sympathy of Englishmen for the free citizens of America, in their noble efforts to limit, and eventually destroy, that "peculiar Institution" which has so long oppressed themselves, and degraded millions of their fellow-creatures, is the ardent prayer of

THE AUTHOR.

London, May, 1860.

INTRODUCTION.

DURING the past two years, we imported from the United States the following quantities of their great staple, COTTON :—

1858.	1859.
7,439,623 cwts.	8,586,672 cwts.

From all other sources, during the same periods, the amounts were as follow :—

1858.	1859.
1,795,575 cwts.	2,359,659 cwts.

We are thus mainly dependent upon the United States for the raw material of England's greatest manufacture. Cotton is king in commerce, and commerce and manufactures have placed Great Britain where she is. Stop her cotton supply, and you hurl her from her rank amidst the nations.

THAT SUPPLY, SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS UPON THE
UNITED STATES, IS NOW IN PERIL.