produce a voluntary emigration that shall finally separate the two races which are here mingled in contact, with no prospect of being ever incorporated as one people. It would be idle now to reiterate the arguments upon which this view of Colonization rests; year after year proves that it is the only true one. The great events of the age, which do not become conspicuous until time enough has elapsed to permit their separation from the minor matters that surrounded them at their occurrence, all tend to this end, or have a bearing upon it. The settlement of the North-Eastern boundary question, under a treaty, in the preparation of which, all questions connected with slavery in this Country, seem to have been studiously avoided, resulted, nevertheless, in the establishment of a fleet on the Coast of Africa, which has almost brought the Colonies on the Coast to be our next door neighbours, and is a feature in the agreement between the two great

nations, which although evidently looked upon as a minor one by their negotiators, will nevertheless be remembered from its inestimable results, long after the questions of boundary, which threatened war between England and America, shall have been forgotten. The Ashburton treaty will be a treaty which history will hereafter regard as that, which commenced the bridge of boats on which the colored people of the United States passed from oppression into true liberty. Again, while the famine in Ireland, and indeed, in other Countries of Europe, calls for our sympathies, it is to be regarded not merely as an event to be deplored on account of the present sufferings of those whom it afflicts, but as an Agent in the great scheme which the Board advocate, — one of the great events which constitute the means for bringing about results to which the powers of man were wholly incompetent. The emigration that it will cause to this country, cannot fail to have its effect in increasing that

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