

Selves, and the glory and eventual success of our independence as a people.

For a people of circumscribed or limited means (considering our want of funds as an outlay) our commerce has increased, of late years, moderately well. Our annual exports in oil alone have been estimated at 100000 gallons. But for this we can feel no pride other than because of gain; as the exports consist of Africa's natural production, and the manufacturing incident thereto is exclusively the natives — To their labor then are we indebted for these advantages which afford us but an empty boast. To give a wide influence and effect to our commercial position as a people, we must have articles of export, and these we are to raise. We cannot think that the name ^{alone,} independence, will ~~alone~~ heighten our national importance, and draw foreigners as if by magic into our harbors, to witness a display of independent aggrandizement, or fill our store houses with useful articles for consumption — No, Gentlemen, the heathen around us are not ~~insensible~~ insensible to the fact as to what makes a man independent, and the amount of influence we even exert over them, will depend on the permanence and support given to the independence of our government.

None of us can be ignorant of the necessity, involved in the want of means to sustain our government, and as the funds in our Treasury, chiefly raised by a duty on im-

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