

of language and produce; Public's private
 property & happiness in a State, there
 are other examples that can be easily
 presented. Holland before her Reformation
 had with Belgium constituted the
 Dutch Netherlands. The decadence of
 them gave their Reformation may
 be ascribed to the fanaticism of
 Protestants. They had no traces
 of decadence retained or unavoidable
assimilating to those of the Italian
 States, in the century their deca-
decence present an entire
or marked contrast. Without any
intercourse with of Southern
 or Sclavonic blood, they were
 essentially Germanic, & were at
 the same time the most phleg-
matic & most practical People
 in the face of the East. They
 were the most imaginative
 People in Europe & there had
 been but little in their history
 & there was nothing in their
 natural aspect & location of
 their country to account
 brilliant beams of the heart
 in fancy. A placid & practical
 People they came to
 the conclusion slowly but with
 a steady & unwavering conviction
 of its expanding & improving that it
 was their best philosophy to turn
 their whole attention to the realities

and most profitable means for the
improvement of their physical comfort.
They may truly be said to have
organized their Girth & galled their
Lands & built their Cities upon
Government Agriculture & manufacturing
principles. At the time the seven
United Provinces became separate
from Belgium & free there was
hardly a Nation in Europe that
did not to a greater or less extent,
comprehend the advantages of
mercantile enterprise & com-
merce, and the energies of the
New Republic took a fortitude
Dante's part in the Religio-Cos-
mical empire of Spain & Portugal
was copying. Her Duties were
speedily learned in conducting an
stupendous East & West India Trade
in the Carriac for the large part
of the Continent. Her weather
of people that blood in operation
from their sense spread in
pageantry, pomp & costly shows
or splendour in foolish adventures
& wars. Both their wealth they
dipped out the sea from their Land.
They cut numerous Canals - they
fructified the soil - they largely
utilized their manufactures in
places where & where recommended
them with immense success. Thus
did their single Country not increase

than 130 miles in length by 20
 in breadth but in fact presenting
 a third part of the surface of
 the State of Pennsylvania - origi-
 nally a new world - being called
 the Sea & liable to terrible winds
 - storms, with a mist & foggy day
 - water & sterile soil - because thro'
 the beneficent influence of its lon-
 - gness for its dimensions, by far
 the most flourishing & populous State
 in Europe. It contained a population
 supported the enormous population
 of 3 millions of German Peasants.
 It possessed a State paper, several
 splendid cities & was thickly covered
 with smiling villages & the whole
 country was made as fertile as
 Britain or an English Garden.
 The English acquisition was numerous
 & flourishing many of which it
 retains to this day. While the
 accidental destruction of the
 Remains of nations were at least
 than a huge but rich and fertile
 accumulated the usual resources
 & maintenance of the vast Province
 of Spain there were some Provinces
 standing as a Democratic form
 - tary ~~part of~~ ^{part of} the ~~Republic~~ ^{Republic} main-
 - taining a long & separate liberty it
 with great pleasure for the
 occasion. During this contest
 a Dutch vessel ~~commanded~~ ^{commanded} passed
 up the River & the inhabitants

of the City of London saw the place
he applied to their Shipping. And it
is well known that old Van Tromp
with a brown at his mast bore
kept the British Channel with
his fleet; from Dover to the Seal.
They were recipients from the
- glad the Colony of New York that
the English only re-obtained from
them by virtue of solemn treaty
stipulations. Their wealth has not
been effluenced, but invested ~~only~~
in agriculture, in manufactures - in
Canals & in Public Schools remaining
with them, while under the most
valuable inducements they
have managed to retain a large
portion of their Commerce. Altho' their
form of Govt has been changed &
they have a public Debt contracted
during the French war, of paying
of Dollars they nevertheless bear in
their that enables them to pay
the ^{and} interest on their Debt - that is
Other Countries in Europe would
exist under constant imminent
peril of failure.

We are all familiar
with the history of G. Britain
& my limits on the present oc-
- casion would be greatly trans-
- cended if I were to attempt the
review of that history in detail.
I refer the discovery of their Constitution
& so long as the Eastern Commerce



was engaged by Italy then the overland
 route England was at best a semi
 barbarian country. Then he died 50
 years ago the war was to piece
 by various divisions & was totally
 only in name a true rate European
 power. But it has been her
 fortune to justify more largely
 by the Portugez divisions than
 any other nation in the world.
 Of the various species that formed
 the English race there was not
 a single degraded element but one
 that fitted to conduct the present
 & present physiology of the nation
 Organization a large ~~element~~
 of her blood was flowed in
 the veins of the nobles of the
 Gothic; and her European position
 made her from the first
 familiar with the surrounding
 seas. She was a great Power
 before she became a great
 Commercial Power & her whole
 ties to the present Power are
 appropriate to all her
 Policy. Her & her relations to all
 immediate degree so occurs &
 settles her soon made ready
 to rise & finally to oppose
 the results of those Divisions
 she had not shown the genius
 to possess but she strikes there

had the faculty to see & courage to
contend with the aggregate hardihood
& endurance to ~~survive~~ the contest
with the Gallies for Naval supremacy
left her the undisputed mistress
of the seas, with a dear ~~wealth~~^{treasure}
& before her she now concentrated
all her energies in the ac-
-quisition of wealth. She gradually
obtained that command over
the East India trade that amounted
to a monopoly & she has since
gradually absorbed the largest
amount both of the direct & indi-
-rect trade of half the world.
We are in the middle of the celestia-
-nal the living workshop of the
results of her Commercial enterprise.
Her flag covers every sea - Her
Colonial possessions both the East
Her wealth can purchase & transport
in defiance - her social system
has imposed themselves everywhere
Her literature & the spirit of her
Laws pervade every shore -
Her Exchanges govern the world -
Her manufacturing Capital would
in itself constitute the fortune
of any other nation. Her Colon
have her business - her life.
With a constant mastery of the world,
can never this can bear no superior.
But of it shall be her fate to

to love that Commerce her great
 heart would beat mine & mine
 faintly & history would record
 the triumph of civilization over
 the protection of the present
 Empire to which the Eastern
 Empire has yet given birth

It is from Asia that Europe
 has drawn the large portion of
 its wealth, & accidentally nearly the
 entire sum of its social improvement.
 Its history has demonstrated this
 fact beyond any reasonable doubt.
 It is very true that the Continent of
 Europe possesses has already devel-
 -oped immense wealth in its internal
 resources. But were it this late
 day it is certain that Europe
 would deteriorate if deprived of
 its Asian connections. She has
 borrowed a degree from America
 but principally from the East
 it has drawn the Capital with
 which it has explored its valuable
 mines of Coals & Minerals - raised
 & put under a fruitful cultivation
 its lands - founded its various
 cities & perpetual system of
 Agriculture - & established these
 Public Institutions of all de-
 -partments thus the whole civilization
 - totally it has educated the mind

and refused the habits of its People.
It has indeed assumed this thing
means all the healthier principles
of our older civilization & given
them in better structure a more
& wider expression. It is among
the descendants of the ancient
Greeks that Commerce has man-
ifested its magnificent capacity
to secure the just rights & to
advance the dignity, happiness
freedom & glory of man. When
we look for those enlightening
spells that Commerce has pro-
duced in Europe we must
cast our eyes upon the Saxons
& Celt, the Danes, Swedes, the
Franks & the Germans. The
history of the whole civilized
World