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The very able & comprehensive letter which appeared in the Daily Register last evening in reply to the letter of Mr. Dredtler, summing up the whole of the argument presented by the publicists of our country, has been so recently received by the public, as to cause me to write a series of short articles to the consideration of the same engaging subject. The crisis is now at hand; when the people of a considerable portion of the community are arrayed against national interests & national honor. When so many desperate efforts are being made to misrepresent the policy of our government & to prejudice public opinion, the causes which have placed us in a difficult position. The question of a system of retaliation, on the part of Mexico, cannot be too often repeated or too specifically dwelt upon. A long war, fraught with human suffering and bloodshed, has been forced upon us in the shape of facts. So long as the spirit of anti-republicanism stalks abroad, with a dagger in its heart, ready to be plunged into the very heart of our national existence, so long must we labor to arrest its desolating progress. I hope the hour is not far distant when all misrepresentations of the truth will be exposed and the flag of the Union will be waved unvexed over the land.

The speeches of Mr. Dredtler, at the close of the last session of Congress, on the subject of our difficulties with Mexico, are among those political orations which the future historian will probably repeat as admirably suited to illustrate the species of political fanaticism, while he considers the honor of patriotism as above.

The astounding ignorance of past events displayed by every one of that memorable body of men is alone enough to stamp its author as the most unfit person to represent an enlightened constituency in Congress. While his daring attempt to prevent the spirit of retaliation in hopes of annoying the passions of the unthinking multitude against the President shows that he entertained