LENGTHY SENTENCES

In the early years of the c Den Jese Emilio Guardiola onvicted in the courts of Madrid ifty separate charges of fraudian was sentenced to twenty years risonment for each offence entences to run continuously As he was at that time a man of middle age the prospect of 1,000 durance, might well have appalled him, but before leaving the court lectared his intention of being after nan again. And he was; for he had tiely served ten years or a hin roll h part of his sentence, when the affu nee of his friends secured a parion; and for twenty years the man who had escaped Chy years of prison

walls was one of the most honored ilizins of Carthagena. There were no fewer than 217 septents charges of forgery and falsifi. ation in a Spanish Mayor's indet. nent, and on each he was sentenced. o a grin of fourteen years' imprison. king a total sentence of was years. We get some conception the length of this sentence when e consider that if the unhappy Don been sent to prison soor fier the destruction of Troy, and ben the death of Moses was still ; cent memory, he would only now completing his sentence, that is good conduct had not earned for

m some remission. In this connection it is interesting. note that the longest period ever ent in prison by one man, seems to one of seventy-one years spent by comvict in an Australian Frison. Cuite recently a very remarkable was irred in the French Departof the Indre. It was a case of aul alliged to have been committly, a morary, and the Court was vited to consider no fewer than 530 figrent questions of fact. The brief the presecuting counsel was so ilky that when the documents were and one on the top of another he uld barrely see over the accumulated e; the indictment alone covered 12 inted pages, and 384 people were: minuted as witnesses.

in one recent case in the Crawe unity Court, where an old man, whe is in receipt of parish pay, was sued a debt of £3 10s., the Registral dered that the debt must be paid the rate of a penny a year, so that the first penny was due in July last year, the last instalment ould be payable in the year 2739 or n another fairly recent case the ried judge of the Bloomsbury Coun Court made an order of 8s. a month discharge of a debt of £1.054-the al payment being separated from first instalment by nearly 226

An amusing case came not long age ford an Italian court, in which wyer sued the Customs authorities a centime, or about one-tenth of English penny. The lawyer, after rorous protest, had paid the cenne as duty on a box of sweets he is carrying, and the action was to enver the coin on the ground that was illegally demanded.

The case was argued before three uris, each of which gave judgment favor of the plaintiff; and after on his of litigation the defendant re compelled to repay the centime. relifer with costs, amounting to (i) or hearly 400,000 times the amnt is dispute. .

lones-You say you saw every ing in Rome in three days. That's possible! Smith-But you must member that there were three of us. wife took the churches, I visited the picture galleries, and my son in for the restaurants and cafes an we met in the evening and ex-

rment ns and Colds

ected coughs and colds. The and less her little ches fall prey ws that if colds are promptly cur consumption, pneumonia and other

st implicitly to Dr. Chase's Syru oosen the tight chest coughs; to passages and thoroughly cure the ser ption of Dr. Chase has never to prove beneficial. It is to by far the largest sale of an

BRONCHITIS.

Mr. Wm. Davidson, St. Andrew a, states ;-- "Dr. Chase's Syrup useed and Turpentine has cured bromehitis. I have, without suc s, tried many remedies for the pars. Last winter when I Beyone abtack and was unable onk I procured a bottle of ase's Syrup of Linseed and Turi ne and am happy to state that haird bottle made me a well man

seed and Turpentine. ozohitis, Asthma, Coughs a containing about three times manner, Bates & Co., Towns

HAPPINESS OF

Rev. Dr. Talmage on the Christian Heroes of To-Day.

A despatch from Washington says; those hot-breathed passions, and with with the skin of my teeth".

thousands of men who make just as that blurs, and unravels, and depletes narrow escaps for their soul. There | the soul. was a time when the partition between them and ruin was no thicker

I want to show you, if God will escapes for their souls, and are saved as "with the skin of their teeth." We will admit that it is more difficult for some men to accept the open it, and give me the best seat you took your first mis-step. in your parlour. If I should come at If, with all the influences favo

tian, and was thoroughly consistent, of the victor-escaped at last as living and dying in the faith of 'the "with the skin of his teeth." Gastel. Would you not like to live There are others who, in attempt

that the world has ever seen ? Do you know any book that has as much in it! Do you not think, upon the whole, that its influence has been heaven, escaping "as with the skin of hands extended toward you. In one put a book that is better.

swing back.

Again: There may be some of you who, in the attempt after a Christian life will have to run against powerful passions and appetites. Perhaps it is a disposition to anger that ed, so lied about, so outrageously the greatest part in battle. You have to contend against; and per-faith in everything. In a world where hear of something that makes you feel that you must swear or die. All your good resolutions heretofore have been torn to tatters by explosion of ate arouments to prove to them the getting mad if you only get mad at truth of Christianity, or the truth of Jack Grumley lives on the to bridle and saddle anything else, touch them nowhere, floor you know.

Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the them ride down injustice and wrong. following text; "I am escaped with There are a thousand things the skin of my teeth." Job, xix. 20. in the world that we ought Job had it hard. He wished he was to be mad at. There is no dead and I do not blame him. His harm in getting red hot if you only flesh was gone, and his bones were bring to the forge that which needs dry. He cries out, "I am escaped hammering. A man who has no power of righteous indignation is an im-A very narrow escape, you say, for becile. But be sure it is a righteous Job's body and soul; but there are indignation, and not a patulancy

There is a large class of persons in mid-life who have still in them apthan a tooth's enamel; but, as Job petites that were aroused in early finally escaped, so have they. Thank manhood, at a time when they prided themselves on being a "little fast," "high livers," "free and easy," "hale he.p. that some men make narrow fellows well met." They are now paying in compound interest for troubles they collected twenty years ago. Some of you are trying to escape, and you will-yet very narrowly, "as with Gospel than for others. Some of you, the skin of your teeth." God and in coming to God, will have to run your own soul only know what the against sceptical notions. It is use struggle is. Omnipotent grace has less for people to say sharp and cutpulled out many a soul that was the hunter may be coming through gular example of a tiny protective asthe healing of ten unhappy ones does
the thicket. Without crackling a sociation, a sort of "trades union." ting things to those who reject the deeper in the mire than you are. They stick under his foot, he comes close by formed by leprous men. Isolated as not even elicit from the majority of the healed still less from the inhabit Christian religion. I cannot say line the beach of heaven—the multi- the stag, aims his gun, draws the they were, the lepers of our story had the healed, still less from the inhabitance of the willage even a single such things. By what process of tude whom God has rescued from the tempration, or trial, or betrayal, you thrall of suicidal habits. If you this death-agony and falls backwards, its were compelled to remain a prescrib- word of thanks. He has this time knew not. There are two gates to start anew, God will help you. Oh your nature; the gate of the head, the weakness of human help! Men and the gate of the heart. The gate will sympathize for a while, and then of your head is locked with bolts and turn you off. If you ask for their burs that an archangel could not pardon, they will give it, and say break, but the gute of your heart they will try you again; but, falling awings easily on its hinges. If I as- away again under the power of tempsaulted your body with weapons you tation, they cast you off for ever. would meet me with aveapons, and it But God forgives seventy times seven; would be sword-stoke for sword- yea, seven hundred times; yea, though stroke and wound for wound, and this be the ten thousandth time; he blood for blood; but if I come, and is more earnest, more sympathetic, knock at the door of your house, you more helpful this last time than when

you with an argument, you would able for a right life, men make so answer me with an argument; if with many mistakes, how much harder is sarcasm, you would answer me with it when, for instance, some appetite surcasm; blow for blow, stroke for thrusts its iron grapple into the stroke; but when I come and knock roots of the tongue, and pulls a man at the deer of your heart, you open down with hands of destruction! If, it and say, 'Come in, my brother, under such circumstances, he break and tell me all you know about away, there will be no sport in the Christ and heaven." undertaking, no holiday enjoyment, but a struggle in which the wrest-Are you as happy as you used to be lers move from side to side, and bend when you be eved in the truth of the and twist, and watch for an opporwhen you believed in the truth of the and twist, and watch for an oppor-inded of inglish soil, the last pen-y would only be due six years hence when your children travel on in til with one final effort, in which the in . which you are muscles are distended, and the veins now travelling? You had a stand out, and the blood starts, the a telative, who professed to be a Chris- swarthy habit falls under the knee

> the same quiet life, and die the same ing to come to God, must run between perfectul death? I recently received a great many business perplexities a letter, sent me by one who has re- If a man go over to business at ten jet of the Christian religion. It says, o'clock in the morning, and comes "le an old enough to know that the away at three o'clock in the after jos aid pleasures of life are evanes- noon, he has some time for religion; cent, and to realize the fact that it but how shall you find time for remusi be comfortable in old age to ligious contemplation when you are believe in something relative to the driven from sunrise to sunset, and future, and to have a faith in some have been for five years going behind system that proposes to save. I am in business, and are frequently dunned free to confess that I would be hap by creditors whom you cannot pay, pier if I could exercise the simple and and when, from Monday morning beautiful faith that is possessed by until Saturday night, you are dodging many whom I know. I am not will bills that you cannot meet? You walk ingly out of the Church or out of the day by day in uncertainties that have faith. My state of uncertainty is kept your brain on fire for the past one of unrest. Sometimes I doubt my three years. Some, with less business humoftality, and look upon the death-troubles than you, have gone crazy. ben as the closing scene, after which Now, God will not be hard on you. He there is nothing. What shall I do knows what obstacles are in the way that I have not done?" Ah! scepticism is a dark and doleful land. Let will crown with success, and kegs, with cotton bales, and kegs, of false. If it be false, we are as and hogsheads, and counters, and well off as you; if it be true, then stocks of unsaleable goods, block up Do you not feel that the Bible take your way to heaven. Gather up all it all in all, is about the best book your energies. Tighten the girdle about your loins. Take an agonising look into the face of God, and then say, "Here goes one grand effort for

> your teeth." In the last day it will be found that hand I have the Bible, and in the Hugh Latimer, and John Knox, Huss other I have nothing, This Bible in tuew own using and tod "sattland one hand I will surrender for ever just steatest the greatest link I pure as soon as in my other hand you can up incorrupt from the contaminations and preplexities of the exchange, the I invite you back into the good old- the market, the courts and from busifashioned religion of your fathers, ness. On earth they were called to the God whom they worshipped, to brokers, or stock-jobbers, or retailers, the Bible they read, to the promises or importers; but in heaven, Christian on which they leaned, to the cross heroes. No fagots were heaped about on which they hung their eternal their feet; no Inquisition demanded expectations. You have not been hap- from them recantation; no sol-Py a day since you swung off; you dier aimed a pike at their heart; will not be happy a minute until you but they had mental tortures, compared with which all physical consuming is as the breath of a spring morn-

I find in the community a large every thing seems so topsy-turvey, they do not see how there can be any cast down to-day.

God. They are confounded, and Jack. No wonder He asked old

Hear me, all such men. I preach to ou no rounded periods, no ornamental discourse; but I put my hand on your shoulder, and invite you into the reace of the Gospel. Here is a rock on which you may stand firm, though the waves dash against it harder than the Atlantic, pitching its surf clear above Eddystone Light-house. Do not charge upon God all these troubles of the world. As long as the world stuck to God, God stuck to the world; but the earth seceded from his government, and hence all these outrages and all these woes, God is good. For many hundreds of years he has been coaxing the world to come back to him; but the more he has coaxed, the more vioent have men been in their resistance,

Try this God, ye who have had the blood-hounds after you, and who have thought that God had forgotten you. Try him, and see if he will not help. Try him and see if he will not pardon. Try him, and see if he will not save. The flowers of spring have no bloom so sweet as the flowering of Christ's affections. The sun hath no warmth. the panting hart that drinks from the 13. They lifted up their voices. The ous the brilliant character of the ly contracted owing to a bewilder

man came rushing through the crowd man. crying to him, "Murderer of my kin-

ed the sky or shook the ocean, can human life; but none of them could dren.

ing, "What a great risk I ran! Al- pronounced well. Here was the ex- break up the home. most lost, but saved! Just got tremest demand of faith that our Lord If the angry-word has been spoken, centile marine by increasing its magthrough and no more! Escaped by the ever made. As they went, they were be the first to ask forgiveness, skin of my teeth!"

RELATIVE ARMAMENTS.

The naval strength of the great Powers of Europe, the United States and Japan, as far as artillery is con-324 guns; Japan, 1,592 guns. It must reserve fleet are armed.

Comparing the artillery of Great however, the British fleet is inferior and Jew, to the number of 19 tubes. Great Britain possesses 1,534; Russia and France 1,553 torpedo-lancers.

The above comparisons, have, of course, but a mechanical value, as not only the number of guns, but, perhaps, class of men who have been so cheat- to a higher degree, their quality plays

QUITE A COME-DOWN.

Tom. Snoberly seems to be very much

THE S. S. LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, NOV. 18. The Ten Lepers Cleansed, Luke 17. 11-19. Golden Text .- " Re Ke Thankful. Col. PRACTICAL NOTES.

Verse 11. As he went to Jerusalem. At the very beginning of his direct a man says when he is praised is ap journey, to the feast. He passed to reveal much of his character. Our through the midst of Samaria and Lord never told those who praised him Galilee. The road leading him some- that he did not merit their praise, as graphy and the British Empire." times on one side of the border, some- is often the fashion with us. Here he times on the other.

An unwalled town. There met him and they have stepped back and stepten men that were lepers. The pre- doubt this very morning God is askped back until they have dropped into valence of leprosy in the ancient ing. Were there not many fed in the East was appalling. Even now the Dominion, in our Province. most loathsome incidents of travel in our town or village, in ou Palestine are due to the persistent home? Where are the nine? Wh pean methods of sanitation would there is any gratitude, why is it unsoon do away with the abominable dis-jexpressed? "Well acquainted with ease, but Turkish authority goes no the plans which had already been farther than to compel the tainted forged in Judea for his destruction to live together in settlements, and the Saviour yet once again makes this the result is frequent marriages and boundary tract of Galilee the theater compared with the glow of his heart. the perpetuation of a leprous race, as of his saving love, and even at the The waters have no refreshment like vile and pitiable in morals and man- first miracle on his journey it is the fountain that will slake the thirst ners as in body. Lepers were made manifested how very much the preof thy soul. At the moment the rein- ceremonially unclean by the Jewish vailing tone of feeling is now altered deer stands with his hip and nostril law. They grouped themselves to- For formerly a miracle performed or thrust in the cool mountain torrent, gether, and 2 Kings 7. 8 gives a sin- one animated many hundred tongue antlers crashing on the rocks; but ed distance from all healthy folk rather concealed than made conspicu-

water-brooks of God's promise shall voice of the leper is husky and pol- miracle by its form, but he experi- ing incuence in lines of communicanever be fatally wounded, and shall low-an awful travesty on the na- ences at the same time how the Doer tion to our more detailed geographical tural voice of mankind. These men of the miracles is at once forgoften, knowledge, to the formation of new This world is a poor portion for were compelled to "lift"up" their and while he on his part, even in this harkors, the extension of railways the your soul, oh business man! An East- voices because of their weakness as last period, displays his respect for increased and the increased ern king had graven upon his well as because of their enforced distant the law and the priesthood, he is remumber of steamships, and the greatly tomb two fingers, represented as tance. Jesus Master. Prophet, Teach- warded therefor with a mean slight, augmented carrying power of great sounding upon each other with a er." They made no appeal to the "Son The observation of this fact goes to vessels but of steel. Then hardly snap, and under them the motto, "All of David." They knew little or noth- the Saviour's heart; and as he had second in importance to these infuis not worth that." Apicius Coelius ing of the public talk concerning Jesus just shown himself the compassion- ences are the great land lines and the hanged himself because his steward as the Messiah. It is astonishing low ate high priests, he feels himself now gen cables, the postal improvements, informed him that he had only 80 little theological knowledge is nedes. the deeply contemned Messiah. Yet the elephonis and, perhaps we may thousand pounds sterling left. All of sary to saving faith; how little a the complaint to which his sadness soon add the proved commercial utilthis world's riches make but a small man needs to know if only he will gives utterance is at the same time ity of wireless telegraphy. This uniinheritance for a soul. Robespierre trust with all his heart in God. Have a ewlogy for the one thankful one versal time-limitation in verbal and attempted to win the applause of the mercy on us. Orientals would address who appeared before him; and with personal contact has brought the colworld; but when he was dying a wo- such words to any king or powerful the words, 'Rise up, go thy way, thy onice, our dipendencies, protectorates

dred, descend to hell, covered with perceived them; saw their condition, sanctified."-Van Oosterzee. the curses of every mother in Francel" heard their cry, and perceived their 18. This stranger. The Samaritan Many who have expected the plaud- inner need. He said unto them was farther removed from the sym- the merchant and the Cabinet Minisits of the world, have died under its Shouting across the hundred pages, pathies of the orthodox Jew than ter just as much as of the soldier, the that parted them. Go show your oven the Gentile. Oh, find your peace in God. Make selves unto the priests. This was one strong pull for heaven. Not half- an antirely new way of dealing with TO MAKE HOME PLEASANT. way work will do it. There sometimes lepers. While the disease was popul comes a time on shipboard when evelarly said to be incurable, there were Without carelessness on our part, powerful influence by any means extended to be incurable, there were without carelessness on our part, powerful influence by any means extended to be incurable. erything must be sacrificed to save occasionally cases of recovery from we break dishes, tear our garments hausted. In the near future we may the passengers. The cargo is nothing, it; and it is not improbable that and forget the things we have been anticipate country remarkable im-The captain puts the trumpet to his severe skin diseases were grouped un- asked to do. Yet we would not like to provements of a like kind, especially lip and shouts, "Cut away the mast!" der the general term leprosy. At all be scolded or punished for this. Shall in railways, legraph lines, and deep-Some of you have been tossed and events, the Levitical law furnished we not exercise toward others the soa cables, and in other scientific disdriven, and you have, in your effort methods by which a leper when cured same consideration we so much need coveries for transmitting man's mesto keep the world well-nigh lost your could be reintroduced into society. He ourselves to soul. Until you have decided this was to appear before a priest and be When accidents happen if we would perhaps, by the vibrations of the matter, let everything else go. Over- officially examined according to cer- quietly listen to an explanation of early. For us particularly, railboard with all those sails of your tain prescriptions. When the priest their cause, our temper would by that way schemes of extension must be pride, and cut away the mast. With was satisfied that the disease was time be under control and we would mainly reliand upon to open up and one, earnest cry for help, put your gone the man was pronounced clean, be ready to kindly excuse what in nine to connect distant parts of the Emcause into the hand of him who help- Every one of these lepers had doubt- cases out of ten could not be helped. pire But our true and only trusted Paul out of the breakers of Melita, less hoped that the happy day would Do away with family quarrels. worthy road of intercommunication

themselves. certainly the Lord Jesus could. Yet, ter than days of pouting, sulking and beaver land reponsibility rests, upon cerned, is given by a reliable German as he had said to John the Baptist, so general disagreeableness. authority, as follows: Great Britain, acted his life through: "It becometh Above all things refrain from un- migh be will overweighted and 10,240 guns; France, 5,052 guns; Rus- us to fulfill all righteousness." And kind words and angry disputes before cruse down. We must concentrate sia, 3,607 guns; Germany, 2,864 guns; while he knew that the priests repre- friends and visitors—that is unpardon-Italy, 2,508 guns; United States, 2, sented an effete and dying system, able. while he knew that they were person- You know yourself how achamed was acdamaritan a heretic with whom of the way. Britain with the combined strength no respectable Jew would consort; If we must quarrel at least let us of Russia and France, we arrive at though the degrading influence of the spare outsiders. 10.240 guns against 8,659 guns. As disease had blotted out all far as torpedo tubes are concerned, distinction between Samaritan and the lepers

had huddled together. Now they were to go to their priests—the Jews to Jerusalem, the Samaritan to Mount Gerizin; and probably they at once parted company.

15, 16. When he saw that he was healed. It must have been with music in the home. strange sensations that they extended their wholesome limbs on the high road, and felt their nerves again tingle with health. With a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks. His voice, like his poor body. had been, restored to health. He thanks God and thanks his human "perhaps it would be better to waive at Wilhal well upon the Gulf of

feet with oriental demonstrative He was a Samaritan. The Jews went on to their priests, and probably expressed gratitude both to God and to Jesus when they returned to their homes. But the Samaritan cannot wait to be formally pronounced whole until he falls in ecstasy at

the feet of his benefactor. 17. Jesus answering said. makes no remark to the healed lepen, 12. He entered into a certain village, but turns to his disciples to inquire, Were there not ten cleansed? beggary of these sufferers. Euro- are the majority ungrateful, or, it

faith hath saved thee," the benefit is any our dependencies of dependencies

hear the faintest imploration, for have expected to be cured after this It does seem that older people would calamignus awakening. We are a abrupt fashion. Jesus does not say, know better than to exchange up- world Power solely because of our Heaven grant that some of you, who "I will; be thou clean" He does not braidings and scornful words, know- warstips and because of our command have considered your case as hopeless, say, "According to your faith be it ing how little good they accomplish of the sea, I'm the future also we will now take heart again, and that unto you." He makes no promise that and how much harm comes from them. stall remain a world Power only so with a blood-red carnestness, such as when they reach their homes they will But human nature is weak, and if long as we hold command of the sea in you have never experienced before, find themselves well. But just as not sustained by the grace of God will the fallest sonse of the term, not you will start for the good land of they are, with all their repulsive sores, give way to nagging, scooling and mercally by the force and efficiency of the Gospel-at last to look back, say- they are told to go to the priest to be ugly words and deeds that all but the fighting pavy, but by the excel-

cleansed. The rest of the story shows knowledge you have been in the wrong by anxious the tending to its recruitthat immediately, when they began to and peace will soon be restored and ment by Bratish sailors. We must go, the healing processes asserted the home atmosphere clearer than be- not a tempt overtax our resources fore the storm.

. If any man could do without what A good rousing quarrel over with eight semi-civilized or savage counwe in modern life call "church rules" and the sun again shining is far bet- tries by experted or local armies. A

be mentioned that in the figures of ally his malicious enemies, Jesus show- and embarrassed you have been at the British artillery there are yet in- ed his respect for the sacred law by being obliged to listen to upbraidings cluded 340 muzzle-loaders with which, insisting on his "patients" obeying its and rudeness between the members of of course, only the older vessels of the most minute requirements. He said a family where you happened to be "priests," because one of these men and how you wished yourself well out

Cultivate a gentle voice

You have been in homes where every member of the family might be deaf judging from the loud harsh tones used in conversation.

The words may be kind enough, but the lifted voice suggests impatience and irritability and has nothing restful in it. Only the sweet low voice is

If we can do away with fault finding and quarreling in the family and the impatient, sharp tone we have helped in a large measure to make the home a sweet abiding place.

AN UNANSWERED PROBLEM. "I don't see," she simpered, "how

you ever came so love me." ... "Oh, well," he gallantly remarked. Healer, as he flings himself at his these puzzling leading questions,

PULITICAL GEOGRAPHY AND THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Sin Scorge Robertson Makes an Important prech Before the British Association. t the seventieth meeting of the British Association, Sir George Roberuson gam an address which has attracted considerable attention. He took as his subject "Political Geo-One of the points discussed was

there is a general impression that we have been hastily and unfortunacely acquisitive whether we could help it on not; that the new provincl., districts and protectorates are some of them weak to fluidity: the the great and unprecedented growth of the Empire has led to a stmetching and thinning of its holding links which are overstrained by the weight of unwieldy extension and far beyond the help of a protecting

Sir George's conclusion was thus stated; "I hope to be able to show that in some important respects this suspicion is not altogether true, that science, human ingenuity and racial energy have given us some compensations, and that it is not paradoxical or incorrect to say that our recent enormous growth of empire han been ever where accompanied by remarkable shrinkage of distance by quicker and closer intercommunication of all is parts one with another and with the heart centre.

14. When he saw them. When he for this one heightened, confirmed, closer to each other and all of them nearer still ous. Measured by timedistance; which is the controller of world has, indeed, wonderfully contracked, and with this lessening the and who, above the shrill blast of the dawn when he could thus visit the It is sad to think about, but they do between the heart of the Empire and wrathiest tempest that ever blacken- priest and be reinstated in normal occur, and not alone among the chil- its binits must always be the sea. If we ever forget that, there may be a

> lence and the perfecting of our merto ac- initual, carrying power and speed, and to guard realway lines through forus al mady. Under a little more we all our surplus energies upon our sea communications. Therefore the railway lines which I spoke of as helping to consolidate the Empire in the near future are those only which are projected or are being built in the Various Colonies and dependencies. lines to distribute and collect, to con-

> > "We ought dertainly to join all the shores of the Queen's dominions by soa dables completely controlled by British authority. To rely upon connection between our own cables hrough telegraph systems stretching across foreign countries, however friendly, or to permit the ends of these centions nerves of the Empire to envirge upon shores which might possibly become an enemy's country, is dangerous to the point of recklessness. What perent of disaster. As a melancholy instance of my meaning it is only necessary for as to remember the Pettin catastropher how we suffered from those dreadful intervals of dead chance, when we could not even communicate directly with our own mayal different at Taku, or with any

nect provinces and feed harbors.