

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

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THE following work is intended to supply a want at the present time in respect to the all-absorbing subject of Foreign and American influence in this Republic. A portentous cloud seems to be rising in the East. As it gradually approaches our zenith, it becomes darker; its thunders begin already to roar and its lightnings to flash, and it is feared that a tempest of inconceivable terror will soon be upon us, and demolish our glorious temple of freedom, unless the Almighty arm shall interfere and save us. From Maine to Georgia the country is convulsed with intense excitement upon this subject. Shall TRUE AMERICANS govern themselves, or shall foreigners, unacquainted with our laws and brought up under monarchical governments, rule? Shall those who are temporally and spiritually subject to a foreign prince be our legislators, and change our laws as they are directed by the Pope of Rome? Such a result is to be feared, unless True Na-