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 tised, it was ofteatimes gunited; that io resb
peot to what he mentioned of Essen, I thrught


 the United $S$ wates, and capacity of an officer of
was intended at an evi. dence of respect to the officer corqmanding the
naval forees of Chili, hiad induced himin to conceive there could be no intention of duerespect
to the fig of $\mathbf{C}$ ani, in the omission of a safute, and the oare so, as the very vest sentente is it was usual on the arrival of a vessel-of aware at was inv knowledge of this circunsstance that had in luced me upon arriving at the port if
January last, $w$ acquaint the Goversor I would pay tie custuuary ilute if an equal puuniter juifectwen his astonishnaest, on receiving my
writte., decia a ation, that my letter was natens writte. deciaration, that wy letter was miend
ded to dechne saduting altogether, and that
therefure it wan not noeresiry to enquire whether a salate from the suip ander my comomind ber of guns. This he says is a public matten
But he dessres me to juige of his private senti. ments, wiea, he finds me add that a salute from a national vesspi, upon arriving at a foreiga tirely optional ; that it is sometimes practised $\rho$ it is ottentimps otmitted; ; e sags it is incontes-
tible, that in no port of a civilized nations are an equal utmber of guns returned by the pow. er wio may be saluted, that as to thie incident
nuticed in nis letter, he has not erred io fact, puticed in nis letter, he hax not erred in fact, cidental trifies a that he plainly parcerves the
awkward circumstauces in whith awk ward circumstauces if whieh 1 amplaced $;$
that I myself enuld not regret them more than he did; that it wound teprive him of whate than vinus or receiving iny last letter, he shouid
have deened a pleasure, namely of paying hid respects to me, which now congistently be could not do, without such an explanation as shall
reconcile the seeuing contradiction of my pube
As to Lord Cochrane's private sentiments, I bad as hittle to do with them as I had to do with his private character; with respect to the
mode of all civilized nations of returning a sap lute, it was not the question between us, since,
froin t'je first, I declined saluting at all ; and his regret at the awkward circomstances ia which he perceives so plainly 1 a . phaced, is at Lurd Coeshrane atfects to think he has cone victed me of contradiction. It will, I think, be
perceived he has not doue so perceived he has not doue so. I repeat that it
is usual to siaute, but as a matter of courtesy is usual to saiute, but as a mattcr of courtesy
that it is entirely optional with the mgn of that it is entirely optional with the man of war.
Since there is no givernineus to compel a foreign man of war to salute; that a salute is somesthes practised, that it is oftendimes omitted The opinion adyanced by Lord Cochrane, that gis man of war to omit to galute, is perfectly fitgur mun of war to onit to salute, is perfectly abm
surd, nor would any oflcer, conscieus he himm self merited any respect from others, or whic knew the respect he owed to hinself, eyer make a disturbance upon such a matter. Equalty ab:
surd is it to suppose tiat à government has a surd is it to suppose tinat à government has a
riggit to order a foreign man of war out of port for onitting to salute.
Lord Cochrane espeaks of the practice of all other services with which lie has had communi cation, and says he is not acquainted with the
reguiations of the governmeat of th regulations of the government of the United
States ; but the very curcumstance, that a govStates ; but the very curcumstance, that a gov-
ornment hasa right to regulate its own mode of auswering salutes, makes it manifest thiat it caunot be obligatory upuna man of war to sa.
lute ; that it must be optional with her to galuta lute ; that it must be
or not, as she sees fit.
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