

we were usually asked whether we had made up our minds where we should settle. On our declaring that, much as we saw to like and admire in America, we had no intention of exchanging our own country for it, they expressed surprise that we had seen so many States, and had not yet decided where to settle. Nothing makes an English traveller feel so much at home as this common question. You have arrived at the domain of a rich and hospitable host, who is ready to welcome you, and where there is ample room and accommodation for all. Some of the more highly educated class, especially the lawyers, expressed their alarm at the growing strength of the democratic party in Ohio, owing to the influx of Irish and German labourers, nearly all Roman Catholics, and very ignorant. These new comers, they said, had lately turned the elections against a majority of native Americans, their superiors in wealth and mental cultivation. They also complained that many settlers of German origin from Pennsylvania were opposed to all improvement, and unwilling to be taxed for new schools, canals, and roads. They were indifferent to the speedy arrival of letters and daily newspapers, and other advantages, for which the New Englanders and the Scotch and English Protestants would pay most cheerfully. Yet they allege that these same Germans, opposed as they are to all useful innovations, are in the habit of giving their votes to demagogues, who are prepared to plunge the country into the most headlong career of political changes.

A thriving farmer, who entered the coach at Wooster, spoke vehemently against the new tariff,