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The great question at issue is thus spoken of; by Mr. Dallas, “From the origin of the transaction, which has produced the prosecution of the defendants, to the day of trial, we are involved in such collisions of opinion, in such conflicts of jurisdiction, and in occurrences of such DREADFUL ASPECT, as cannot fail to awaken, in the mind of every reflecting man, emotions of grief, mortification and alarm.”

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