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THE Mosquito question is yet unsettled. The basis of the settlement, as far as the present imperfect arrangement is entitled to the name, is disgraceful to American statesmanship, or indicative of American treachery, in the sentiments of the officials to whose hands the fate, fortunes and honor of the republic are committed. That there is abundant evidence of contemptible incapacity and ignorance, or of criminal indifference to the highest interests of the Union, in the late halting, and truckling, and crooked diplomacy of the Government, will sufficiently appear from a recapitulation of its leading facts. These we mean to submit to the people of the States in their sovereign capacity. But as the question, now more immediately in issue, is of a correlative character; and as it moreover involves important considerations, historical, statistical, juridical and international, it is indispensable to present to our readers a condensed resumé of the successive aggressions by which England has acquired her present foothold in Mosquito, Belize and Costa Rica, whereby she assumes the control and protectorship of the great projected "highway of nations," and dictates such modifications of a treaty between the United States and the republic of Nicaragua as may suit her own haughty pretensions. It seems to be no longer agitated, whether she shall continue to protect the squalid nationality of some few hundred illegitimate savages, born of indiscriminate concubinage, and leprous from a commixture of every impure blood, to whom she alternately administers crowns, Christianity and Jamaica rum; or whether she shall, by her agents, inflame international strife between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, or maintain her fraudulent hold of Belize; but whether she shall not dictate the terms of an international treaty, solemnly sanctioned by the Government of Nicaragua and our own. The former questions would seem to be only incidental now, and entitled to review as ancillary to the hold which Britain has obtained, and by which she justifies her insulting pretensions. But, considered even in that view, it will be seen that every one of them comes within the range of the future action and decision of the republic, unless she shall be so far betrayed as to abdicate her functions of Govern-