

TO THE AMERICAN ABOLITIONISTS.

BY JOHN BOWRING.

WE pleaded in the negro's cause,
Fought for his liberties and laws,
While million voices sung applause,
 The many 'gainst the few :
Yours is a harder task, to lead
Few against many ; but the meed
Of nobler strife and bolder deed
 Shall honor you.

OUR fathers and *your* fathers bore
The spirit-stirring strife of yore,
Our shores flung on your welcoming shore,
 The patriot-pilgrims' sail : —
And ye are worthy of the name,
And the bright ancestry ye claim ;
The same the sires — the sons the same —
 Hail ! brothers ! hail !

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