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Interview with Dr. Sunderland:

In the winter after the seizure of the "Trent" public feeling was very strong against England. At the same time, there were many persons who talked a great deal of the power of Great Britain and the danger of going to war with her. A meeting was held in Washington sometime in December (?), at which Lincoln was present. One of the speakers dwelt eloquently on the greatness of the English Empire and quoted the fact that the "sun never set upon it." Bishop Simpson was at the meeting and walked out with Mr. Lincoln. Dr. Sunderland was with them. The Bishop, referring to the speech, remarked;

"Mr. Lincoln, that speaker seemed to think old England was a great nation?"

"Yes," said Mr. Lincoln; "it makes me think of an Indian chief that we had out West. He was visited by an Englishman once who tried to impress him with the greatness of England:

"'Why,' said he to the Chief, 'the sun never sets on England.'

"'Humph!'" said the Indian; "I suppose its because God wouldn't trust them in the dark."