

LINCOLN AND PALMERSTON.—The New York World says of Mr. Bancroft's comparison of these two men :

The most labored passage, and, in Mr. Bancroft's estimation, evidently the chief ornament of his discourse, is his stately and ornate contrast between Mr. Lincoln and—Lord Palmerston! If total want of resemblance were the only thing needed to furnish materials for a string of this kind of anti-theses, Lord Palmerston would answer; but not better than half a score of other European statesmen, any one of whom might be taken at a venture. Such parallels, even when the object is contrast, should have enough of resemblance to make the suggestion natural. We can compare Napoleon with Frederick; Mirabeau with Fox; Washington with William the Silent; Thiers with Macaulay; without offending a sense of fitness. But who, till Mr. Bancroft, ever thought of running out an elaborate parallel between Lincoln and Palmerston? This comparison is not suggested to Mr. Bancroft by the *characters* of the two men, but by *their dying the same year*. Had it not been for this insignificant chronological accident, it could not have occurred even to him. It affords, however, a characteristic illustration of his prurient tendency to desert truth and nature in pursuit of turgid literary clap-trap.

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