commit ourselves under the suspicious influence of sound reasoning and argument;
caying aside the laws of our country to the laws of the gospel, as well aware that the promoters of
dueling are not approach their sacred bar to vindicate their cause.

It has been said, that the laws of our country were inadequate for the reproof of
wrongs, were it not for dueling. But instead of being applied used for the protection of
persons, it is made the creature of his will, appropriated solely for the purpose of gratifying ambition, for we often find it arising from
the most trivial circumstances, taking place from the midnight expedition, or over the bottle,
or gaining table. It cannot be argued, upon the grounds of truth, to have any tendency over
the reformation of manners, for experience.