and good men, but they are forced by the
shackles of custom to participate in this in-
human and irrational practice or forfeit
their fortitude and bravery. How miserably
interpreted by the promoters of dueling!
Does not experience convince us of the
mean that the courage of a man for the
most cowardly person may be induced to
fight a duel. A man of great credit
says, he is a man of the greatest resolu-
dion for the one who declines the combat for
he has not and to defend his character
from the reproach of cowardice. But also
to overcome the prejudicial sentiments
of the times.

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