religion will be preserved, and certain truths introduced which
all must submit though in direct opposition to the history
of conscience. Notwithstanding all the formality of
naturalization, it must be remembered that natural
alliances is a debt of gratitude which every individual
owes to the country of his birth that cannot be perfectly
cancelled or atoned for by any change of time, place or
circumstance. There is something so indelible in that
spirit in which we first felt existence that none but it can
plead. In mankind, existing the institutions of its protecting
government, and every that appertaining to it, we view
with prejudice and partiality, and are ever disposed to
render to the most efficient service in our power even
at the expense of justice. Had France influenced him in the
national council of our infant republic when those
people selected the United States to sympathise with them
in their struggle for liberty and to carry the line of a nation
notions, we might have been involved in an unnecessary
and destructive war, and thus we sought aid for securing
the manly spirit of affection more binding than those from
which we have recently freed ourselves. But the purity of
our governments was fortunately influenced by no attach-
mint foreign from the American seat. Though willing
to acknowledge the tributes of gratitude due to the French
for their kind though indirect assistance in our struggle
to shake off the shackles of colonial vassalage it was our