

yond the Missouri is sterile ; and he does not think the central parts of the Continent can ever be thickly peopled : but beyond the great western mountains a fruitful tract exists, which he supposes will be quickly overspread by the flourishing settlements on Columbia river.

The great State of New York has now about two millions of inhabitants, but could easily maintain five or six times that number ; other states may possibly be as productive, and of equal territory ; but after all, it is idle perhaps to write on a subject so dependent on political events ; for so various, and in many cases opposite, are the interests of the different members of this Federation, that the Union hangs by a mere thread ; and I firmly believe it is the fear of their slaves alone which has prevented the Southern States from separating themselves before this.

With the sincere wish that the wide waters of the Atlantic may prove a sufficient barrier between the jealousies of the two kindred nations,

I remain,

Yours very truly, &c.

THE END.