

pect from the sympathies of France, and our antagonist nothing to fear from her interference.

Yours, &c.

P. S.—When I commenced these letters, nothing in the form of argument had yet appeared in opposition to the views maintained in Mr. Polk's Message and Mr. Buchanan's correspondence. But I am happy to find that many intelligent men of all parties, whose patriotism admits of no question, agree with me in the most essential points maintained in the preceding pages, and have anticipated me—as regards much of the matter here treated—before the public. Still, notwithstanding the substantial agreement of my views with those of the respectable men to whom I have alluded, the intelligent reader will readily discover such discrepancy, even as regards the subjects which we have treated in common, as gives evidence that these views of the Oregon controversy, and the arguments by which they are maintained, are not a mere reflection of the opinions and arguments of others, but an independent testimony to the soundness of the principles which we in common defend. Besides, there is a variety of matter embraced in these letters which has not as yet, so far as I know, been brought before the community in connexion with this discussion. Were it otherwise, I should not think it expedient to present my opinions on this subject to the public.