

POSTSCRIPT.

The foregoing pages were in the press before the arrival, in this country, of President Polk's Message to the Congress of the United States.

That message has been very generally viewed by the English Press as more conciliatory than the inaugural declaration of the same authority. Without being an alarmist, I must confess that I regard it in a very different light. I consider its tendency to be of more imminently dangerous character than was that of the previous communication.

The points of Mr. Polk's address may be summed up thus :

1st.—“ His own reiterated opinion of the irrefragable claim of the United States to the whole of the Oregon territory.

2nd.—“ A declaration that he, unwillingly, and in deference only to the purposes of his predecessors in office, sanctioned a negotiation