

of investigation, searching and appreciating truth, *without passing the bounds assigned to the human understanding.*"

I have now completed this volume, and although I omitted the major portion of my Diary, that I might not trespass too long upon the reader, my task is still far from its termination. The most important parts of it—an examination into the American society and their government, and the conclusions to be drawn from the observations already made upon several subjects; in short, the working out of the problem, as it were, is still to be executed. I have not written one line of this work without deliberation and examination. What I have already done has cost me much labour—what I have to do will cost me more. I must, therefore, claim for myself the indulgence of the public, and request that, in justice to the Americans, they will not decide until they have perused the second portion, [with which I shall, as speedily as I can, wind up my observations upon the United States and their Institutions.

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THE END.