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what are the demands and proposals of her  
Ruler. Had these been honourable to the  
United States, would not the President have  
been eager to disclose them? That they are  
of an entirely different nature, that they are  
dishonourable, that they are ruinous to our com-  
mercial interests, and dangerous to our liberty  
and independence, we are left to infer.

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I have the honour to be, very respectfully,  
Sir, your obedient servant,

TIMOTHY PICKERING.

His Excellency JAMES SULLIVAN,  
Governor of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts.

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