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"When the first edition of this work appeared, notwithstanding some errors and omissions, I considered it the best political tract which had been published for many years. When the second edition issued from the press, I purchased that, and found it amended in some, and much improved in other particulars.—The third edition, which was, I understand, printed in Boston, I did not see. But the fourth edition, which was extended to two volumes, which enlarged on several topics treated on in the former editions, and embraced several important subjects not touched on in them, was so highly satisfactory to me, that I presented the copies I had to some of my neighbors, who had not the ability to purchase for themselves, and procured this for myself. Its utility to me has been very great. It has reminded me of many things I had forgotten, and acquainted me with many others I was ignorant of. I think the same beneficial effects must be experienced by every man who reads it, with a desire to have his memory refreshed, and his mind enlightened. If our government is worth maintaining, and the intelligence of the people is one of its safe-guards, those who employ their time and talents in diffusing that intelligence in the most correct and acceptable manner and form, are really entitled to the gratitude of every friend of the government."—*Trenton True American, May 22, 1815.*

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"It is not the republican alone, who will derive satisfaction from the perusal of this volume. The federalist will find in it many egregious faults pointed out, which have been committed by the republican party, both in the national and state governments; otherwise the work would not be consistent with its title, which is—THE OLIVE BRANCH. OR, FAULTS ON BOTH SIDES, FEDERAL AND DEMOCRATIC—A SERIOUS APPEAL ON THE NECESSITY OF MUTUAL FORGIVENESS AND HARMONY.—And it must be confessed, that the best way to correct the faults of both sides, is to induce both, if possible, to open their eyes to their own faults, as well as to those of their opponents. This laudable work Mr. Carey has the credit of attempting. Whether the attempt is a visionary one or not, time must determine. At all events, let every honest, independent man, of both parties, read the Olive Branch, if he would know the whole truth."—*Albany Register, June 13, 1815.*