

specie payments naturally caused a depreciation of their paper, and that depreciation was greater or less in proportion to the distance at which such Bank was situated from New England. Now it was in the depreciated paper of such suspended Banks that the United States loans were paid.

“During the progress of the war (I think chiefly after Campbell had left the Treasury), some direct and indirect taxes were imposed, but this return to common sense came too late, and was too inefficient to restore the fast sinking credit of the United States. In the latter part of 1814, we presented to the world the spectacle of a nation, whose resources were nearly untouched, and which was yet on the verge of bankruptcy, merely because its rulers had not had either the skill, or the moral courage, to call these resources into action. If the war had continued six months longer, the Government would probably have been in an open, declared state of bankruptcy.

“Believe me ever most truly, your friend.”

NOTE 17.

Letter from William Sullivan, Esq., to a Daughter of General Hull.

“BOSTON, July 27, 1835.

“DEAR MADAM,—I did not receive your letter of 27th April until last evening. I well remember your father, as a visiter of my father, when I was a youth, more than forty years ago. I always considered him to be a personal and political friend of my father, and