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PHILADELPHIA, February 20, 1812.

SIR,

MUCH observation and experience have convinced me, that the injuries and insults with which the United States have been so long and so frequently visited, and which cause their present embarrassment, have been owing to an opinion entertained by foreign states, "*That in any measure tending to wound their pride, or provoke their hostility, the government of this country could never induce a great majority of its citizens to concur.*" And, as many of the evils which flow from the influence of this opinion on the policy of foreign nations, may be removed by any act that can produce UNANIMITY AMONG ALL PARTIES IN AMERICA, I voluntarily tender to you, sir, such means as I possess towards promoting so desirable and important an object; which, if accomplished, cannot fail to extinguish, perhaps forever, those expectations abroad, which may protract indefinitely an accommodation of existing differences, and check the progress of industry and prosperity in this rising empire.

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, the documents and correspondence relating to an important mission, in which I was employed by sir James Craig, the late governor general of the British provinces in North America, in the winter of the year 1809.