



SECOND POSTSCRIPT TO A PAMPHLET ENTITLED "THE OREGON QUESTION," BY THOMAS FALCONER, ESQ., IN REPLY TO THE "REJOINDER" OF MR GREENHOW, AND TO SOME OBSERVATIONS IN THE 'EDINBURGH REVIEW.'

MR GREENHOW is evidently a very intemperate person ; but he is also dull, in not having an accurate perception of the arguments which he professes to answer.

I cited from the "History of the Federal Government," written by Alden Bradford, LL.D., the following passage respecting the purchase of Louisiana :—

*"The purchase included all lands 'on the east side of the Mississippi River, not then belonging to the United States, as far as the great chain of mountains which divide the waters running into the Pacific and those falling into the Atlantic Ocean; and from the said chain of mountains to the Pacific Ocean, between the territory claimed by Great Britain on the one side, and by Spain on the other.'"*

The words in Italics are placed between inverted commas, as a citation, by Dr Bradford, himself. Respecting this passage, Mr Greenhow repeats, that I *have produced it* as a stipulation in the Treaty of 1803, whereby France ceded Louisiana to the United States.

This is not a correct statement of the fact. I cited the passage from Dr Bradford's work, referring to that work for it, and *not* referring to the Treaty. Any person turning to the Treaty would have at once observed that the reference was made to the work of Dr Bradford *only*, and could not have been misled. In my first Essay, I spoke of it inaccurately, in some passages, as I have before explained ; but in subsequent editions of my argument I corrected the expressions, and also referred to the passage as containing the terms of "an agreement," or, in the words of Dr Bradford, of the "purchase" of Louisiana, confirmed by the Treaty of 1803.

Now, in order to make "a purchase," there must be "an agreement ;" but Mr Greenhow asserts, "that it is *not* the fact that Dr Bradford says anything calculated to induce the supposition that the passage cited by him related to any agreement." I cannot agree with Mr Greenhow, nor do I think any other person can agree with him. Assuming that Dr Bradford spoke of a "purchase" as necessarily meaning an agreement, which he must