

From Martin Van Buren.

President Van Buren said of the oration on the "Law of Human Progress": —

"It has, be assured, afforded me the highest satisfaction to find a production affording such incontestable proof of the learning and great intellect of its author, — proceeding from a gentleman who has established the strongest claims to my admiration and respect."

From Judge Story.

Of Mr. Sumner's oration on "The True Grandeur of Nations," Judge Story remarked in a private letter: —

"It is certainly a very striking production, and will fully sustain Mr. Sumner's reputation for high talent, various reading, and exact scholarship. There are a great many passages in it which are wrought out with an exquisite finish, and elegance of diction, and classical style In many parts of the discourse I have been struck with the strong resemblance which it bears to the manly, moral enthusiasm of Sir James Mackintosh."

From William Jay.

I have just received your very acceptable present, — acceptable from my esteem for the writer and for the great truths contained in the volumes, expressed with the elegance of the scholar and the fearless integrity of the Christian. When called to account for the use you have made of the talents intrusted to you, these volumes will testify that you have labored to do good in your day and generation.

In this connection the estimate entertained of Mr. Sumner by leading men in England, will be of interest. From the great multitude of similar opinions, the following are selected: —

From the Edinburgh Journal.

Mr. Sumner's lectures are not ordinary addresses, — they remind us rather of the orations of Demosthenes, of times when men of note, endowed with the highest understanding, gave full vent to the feelings that possessed them, and stirred their country with a fervid eloquence which was all the more impressive because it