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THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS

IN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DURING THE WINTER OF 1871-72

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel"

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THE following letters will be read with interest for their expression of the feelings of friendship of the Emperor Alexander II., of Russia, for this country, and his sympathy in its great struggle for national existence.

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THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA

TO

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

PETERHOFF, 17 *August*, 1866.

I HAVE received by the hands of Mr. Fox the resolution of the Congress of the United States of America on the occasion of the Providential favor of which I have been the object.

This mark of sympathy has touched me deeply. It is not merely personal to me, — it is a new attestation of the sentiments which unite the American nation to Russia.

The two peoples find in their past no recollections of old grievances, but on the contrary, memorials only of amicable treatment. On all occasions they add new proofs of mutual good will. These cordial relations, which are as advantageous to their reciprocal interests as to those of civilization and humanity, conform to the views of Divine Providence, whose final purpose is peace and concord among nations.

It is with a lively satisfaction that I see these bonds continually strengthening. I have communicated my sentiments to Mr. Fox. I pray you to express them to Congress and to the American people, of which that body is the organ. Tell them how much I — and with