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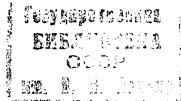
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DEAR SIR,

Permit me to dedicate to you these Volumes, as a memorial, the most enduring I am able to offer, of affectionate esteem. For private kindness, extending from my earliest recollection to the present moment, this is not the place for thanks. But for the example of patriotic conduct, for precepts of high public virtue, for untiring devotion, at any cost or sacrifice, to the great interests of our country, and of the community in which we live, for all that makes the character of the American conservative Statesman, I can thank you, in the full assurance that our fellow-citizens will sympathize in my gratitude, and applaud its strong and most sincere expression.

These Volumes describe the career of one who was your Father's friend, at a time when the fidelity of friendship was severely tried. They knew and loved each other well. They sustained each other in the trials and perils of a War of Revolution, and to their memory, and the memory of the illustrious men who acted with them,—I am happy to offer the tribute of justice which History has too long withheld.

Very sincerely,

Yours,

THE AUTHOR.

Walnut Street, May 18th, 1847.