

ment in rejoicing that the war has ended without any rupture between two nations which ought to be connected by the closest bonds of amity."

I likewise receive with great pleasure your Lordship's assurances that the efforts by which the Government and Congress of my country have shaken off slavery "have the warmest sympathies of the people of these kingdoms."

If from painful observation in a service extended through four years, I cannot in candour yield my entire assent to this statement, as applied to a large and too influential portion of Her Majesty's subjects; if it has been my misfortune to observe in the process of so wonderful a revolution, a degree of coldness and apathy prevailing in many quarters, from which my countrymen had every right to expect warm and earnest sympathy; if throughout this great trial, the severity of which, few not well versed in the nature of our institutions could fully comprehend, the voice of encouragement from this side of the water has too often emitted a doubtful sound, I yet indulge the hope that the result arrived at will ultimately correct the hasty and harsh judgments that flowed from lack of faith and of con-

fidence in our fidelity to a righteous cause. Of the friendly disposition in this regard of the members of Her Majesty's Government, and especially of your Lordship, I have never permitted myself to doubt. And yet in the midst of the gravest of our difficulties, I cannot forget that even your Lordship was pleased, in an official published despatch, to visit with the severity of your but too weighty censure, the greatest political measure of the late lamented President, that which, in fact, opened the only practicable way to the final attainment of the glorious end. Under such circumstances, I pray you not to be surprised if I am compelled not to disguise the belief that with my Government, as among my countrymen at large, there is still left a strong sense of injured feeling, which only time and the hopes of a better understanding in future, held out by the conciliatory strain in your Lordship's note, are likely to correct. Recognizing most fully the justice and propriety of the joint policy marked out in your concluding sentence, I have, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

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