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It will be well to inquire hereafter, whether some of the Americans whose claims are provided for, were not related to, or connected with the negotiator - There are rumors of this nature.

We must allow the French and Spaniards the same priviledges in the allied Countries in Commerce and Navigations, for 12 years as to our own citizens and we cannot repeal our discriminating duties in these countries in respect to other nations. This is a small object, but it manifests a disposition to disgust G. Britian, and was inserted for no other purpose.

I wish I was able to extend my hints , but cannot for want of time- You must keep my name out of sight. I have not sold or pawned by political weapons, but they are locked up for the present. My views are necessarily confined to provide the means of supporting and educating my family. I will assist in the good old cause, as much as possible, and I presume that my necessary attention to a private interest, need not and I hope will not make me unmindful of my friends or my country.

I feel great anxiety for Mrs. W whose health is feeble, and must give my time and attention to her. Yours and Mrs. Q's prosperity and happiness are objects of my warmest wishes. With sincere esteem and affection,

I remain, yours,

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

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