

remitting and delicate attentions, sympathy indeed, of any I ever experienced."

Nor did her devotion falter during subsequent years, when her father was an exile, and in his own country everywhere spoken against. She gladly shared his reproach, as she had his honor; and for those who, without a particle of evidence, and in the face of his triumphant vindication by the courts, could condemn and ostracize the innocent, she expressed only the most unmitigated contempt. Meantime she wrote letters of womanly tenderness and cheer to the exile, and eagerly watched the political horizon for signs of an abatement of the popular resentment. She also addressed letters to eminent public men, pleading her father's cause, and asking their opinion as to his safety should he venture to return to his native land. Some idea of the style and force of these epistles may be gathered from the following, addressed to Mrs. James Madison, wife of the President, on this subject, and with whom she had been quite intimate in brighter days :

ROCKY RIVER SPRINGS, June 24th, 1809.

MADAM :—You may perhaps be surprised at receiving a letter from one with whom you have had so little intercourse for the last few years. But your surprise will cease when you recollect that my father, once your friend, is now in exile ; and that the President only can restore him to me, and to his country. Ever since the choice of the people was first declared in favor of Mr. Madison, my heart, amid the universal joy, has beat with the hope that I too should soon have reason to rejoice. Convinced that Mr. Madison would neither feel, nor judge, from the feelings or judgment of others, I had no doubt of his hastening to relieve a man, whose character he had been enabled to appreciate during a confidential intercourse of long continuance, and whom he must know incapable of the designs attributed to him. My anxiety on this subject has, however, become too painful to be alleviated by anticipations which no events have yet tended to justify, and in this state of intolerable suspense, I have determined to address myself to you, and request that you will, in my name, apply to the President for a removal of the prosecution now existing against Aaron Burr. I still expect it from him, as a man of feeling and candor, as one acting for the world and for posterity.

Statesmen, I am aware, deem it necessary that sentiments of