

To the President of the Directory of the
French Republic.

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Sir,

The Minister of the French Republic in the United States will certainly communicate to his Government an account of the Presentation of the Standard of France to the United States, through their Organ, the President; and of the time and manner in which it was received. On the 14th of the present month, the first day afterwards, on which they were convened, that Standard was exhibited to the Representatives of the People in Congress, together with the address of the Committee of Public Safety, dated the 21st of October 1794, the Speech of the French Minister on presenting the Standard to the President, and his answer. It was on this occasion, at their sitting on the fourth of this month, that the House of Representatives expressed their sentiments towards the French People, which they requested me to communicate, and which I cannot better do than in their own words: —

"Resolved unanimously, That the President of the United States be requested to make known to the Representatives of the French people, that this House hath received, with the most sincere and lively sensibility, the communication of the Committee of Public Safety, dated the twenty first of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, accompanied with the colors of the French Republic; and to assure them, that the presentation of the colors of the French Republic to the Congress of the United States, is deemed the most honorable testimonial of the existing sympathies and affections of the two Republics, founded upon their solid and reciprocal interests: and that this House rejoices in the opportunity thereby afforded to congratulate the French Nation upon the brilliant and glorious achievements, which have been accomplished