We are very quiet here in the way of politics, and it will require something very extraordinary to excite the Whigs again in this Section of the State. I fear they will let the Legislature go by default. My health and habits, and my desire to retire as soon as I can from my profession, have withdrawn me entirely from any active participation in political matters, and I do not now appear in public in such matters, when I can avoid it.

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Our Market is most abundantly supplied with fine Shad and oysters; we often wish you were all with us to enjoy these fine "sea vegetables," as our sailors call them. Ann says that she sent a bundle to your good wife by Mr. Jno. M. Washington, and trusts that it has come safely to hand. We have been induced by certain rumors to believe that you intended to make us a visit this winter, we should be happy to see you, and I think it might have the desirable tendency of arousing the Whigs & infusing a new spirit into them.

We have no news in our town, as the progress of things with us is downward; but for the article of Turpentine, we should have squally times in the Eastern Section of the State.

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Mr. Hubbard[12] rec'd the Book from you, and is much obliged to you indeed; he is making progress in the work he has on hand.

From James Graham. U.

H. R.,

Feb. 20th, 1846.

You have seen the vote on the subject of *Notice* to Great Britain to terminate our Treaty with her in relation to Oregon. An effort was made to make it a party question, but it failed.

Twelve months ago Mr. Adams was the *first person who proposed* to give that *Notice.* It was then voted for by all the Whigs in the House, and some of the Democrats, but not a majority of them. A majority of the House then voted the Notice, and the Senate rejected it by two votes only. Now when the President

[12] The Rev. Fordyce M. Hubbard, who was then engaged in writing the biographical sketches of William R. Davie and Samuel Kirkland.