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THE lively sympathy which American freemen have manifested in the affairs of my betrayed, but not conquered country, as well as the circumstances that most of our statesmen generally are unknown or misapprehended abroad, has induced me, in anticipation of a more complete work, to publish this brief sketch of the prominent events of the Hungarian movements; together with biographical notices, which are as accurate as possible. My official station in the Ministry of War under the administration of Kossuth, and of Adjutant-General in the army, together with my active participation in all the important battles, enable me to give a faithful and reliable view of the whole course of the revolution.

In presenting the narrative to the noble-hearted citizens of the United States, I would again express my unbounded gratitude for the generous sympathy and hospitality which have been so promptly extended by them to my countrymen and myself.

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