

I have heard it said that Americans who remain long in Europe Renounce their Country & actually "lose their Nationality." I cannot believe it. I believe that some of the best & truest Americans are of those abroad.

My uncle Washington Irving writing to his friend Brewster, said - (in March 1821)
"You say many ask whether I mean to Renounce my Country? For this - Question I have no Reply to make. + +

Whatever I have written has been written with the feelings & published as the writing of an American. Is that Renouncing my Country? + +

In Remaining therefore abroad, I do it with the idea that I can best exert my talents, in the present, where I am." + +

My position is similar & my
Reply the same!
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