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The Louisiana Purchase Treaty was signed on April 30, 1803 by Robert Livingston, James Monroe, and François Barbé-Marbois. Afterwards, Livingston made the following statement:

"We have lived long, but this is the noblest work of our whole lives... From this day the United States take their place among the powers of the first rank."

Explain the meaning of this statement.	

