

## Lettre de John Bord-Carpenter à Émile Zola du 28 janvier 1898

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in Europe - my Brothers<sup>(3)</sup> as Presidents  
in succession of the Debating Societies  
at Oxford & Cambridge Universities  
have sustained their cause, & with, I  
venture to say it, not altogether indifferent  
success.

It is interest in the condition of  
this poor persecuted people, & at the  
suggestion of my father that I write  
to you, expressing the great admiration  
(which I as one of so very many others,  
better able to express their feelings on the  
subject,) feel for the noble, self-  
sacrificing & courageous attitude  
which you have adopted in the  
face of such strong & divided  
public opinion, as an apostle of  
justice, an apostle of freedom for  
the oppressed. I am anxious  
to do what I can to assist you in  
this great crusade for justice, & many

28<sup>th</sup> January, 1896

THE PALACE,  
RIPON.

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Dear & Most Honourable Sir.

I regret that my acquaintance  
with you has so far only extended to  
the study of your very pleasant literary  
works. May I therefore take the liberty  
of introducing myself, & begging you  
to be kind enough to accept such an  
introduction -

My father is the Bishop of Ripon,  
who is perhaps not unknown to you,  
as one of the greatest orators in England.  
He has for some time taken a very  
keen interest in the condition of the  
Jews in Europe - & as a whole my  
family has taken the same view of  
the situation of these persecuted people

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are kind enough to write me to assist me -

Since Justice has been blindfolded & has fled behind closed doors. The Public have been hoodwinked into imagining that there is going on a Crusade against the French Army, or a plot rather deeply laid against the Government in power. This & all other erroneous opinions should be dispelled. in order that at least here the true nature of affairs may be well-known -

If you would be kind enough to give me in writing or otherwise an account of your position with regard to the Dreyfus affair, an account embracing the condition, if you think fit, of the French population in France & her Colonies

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& Dependencies. The strong defence, which you doubtless have, of the position you have taken up with regard to the affair, with so much proof of justification for that position, such as will not be calculated in any way to damage our position at the moment. I will guarantee to have the same published throughout England on the day trial comes on, or before or after, if things can be so arranged. This should have a very considerable effect upon public opinion in France, for anything in the form of a pamphlet on the matter is sold at bookstalls stations &c. throughout the country would be much discussed in the papers, containing as the pamphlet would, so much good matter on the

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THE PALACE,  
RIPON.

Good matter on the Subject -

I hope I have got, whilst  
trying to be explicit, have proved  
to be confusing -

If you should be kind  
enough to think of this. I  
shall be glad to come over to  
Paris & see how all the Subject  
& the sale of the pamphlet in  
England, would prove to be a  
contribution. I hope, towards  
the expenses of legal business  
in Paris -

Again expressing the sense  
of my great admiration of the  
of yourself & your courageous  
compassion. M. the Editor of the

Aurore - I sincerely hoping  
you will consider, if my  
letter not too wearying, but  
the matter therein contained in  
some way meritting your attention.  
With apologies, should I be in  
any way intruding on your  
time, at all times valuable &  
at this time still more so -

In conclusion, convinced of  
the strength of our position, &  
the ultimate victory of liberty  
& right over might. May I  
say with many others "Vive  
M: Zola." Vive M: L'éditeur de  
Aurore: & at the same time

Beg you to believe me  
Yours most sincerely

John. Boyd-Parry.

To. M. Emile. Zola -  
Paris.