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in Europe - My Brothers⁽³⁾ 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 more, &
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 & mistle
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

28th January 1896

THE PALACE,
RIPON.

gls

Dear & most Honoured 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 your 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 if 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 not, 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 you on 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 both
of yourself & your courageous
compassion. W. The Editor of the

THE LONDON
MELBORN

'Aurore' - I sincerely hoping
you will consider ~~if~~ my
letter not too wearing, but
the matter therein contained in
some way meriting 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
cry with many others "Vive
M: Zola." Vive M: l'Éditeur de
Aurore: & at the same time

Believe me
Yours most sincerely

Joh. Bapt. Carpentier.

To M. Emile Zola -
Paris.