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To M. Emil Zola

Sir

I cannot help offering to you my humble tribute of respect and admiration at this time.

Already, at the National Industrialist Club, I had the honour of moving a Resolution that a message be sent to you approving of your action. That club consists of Economists, Conservatives, Roman Catholics &c. There was but one sentiment—admiration for you.

The day after your first letter to the President was published I said to a friend, a bigoted Roman Catholic, who would not open one of your novels, "What do you

think of Zola now? "My friend answered, "that he is the greatest man in Europe."

I may tell you that on the Stock Exchange there is but one opinion, namely that you are a hero.

But we in London fear to say what we think, lest it might be said by your enemies that the English wished to injure the French Army &c &c. Only for that I believe that all the best men in England, Scotland & Ireland would join in aid address to you.

I have already pointed out in

The Westminster Gazette, signed "Ivan", the intrinsic worthlessness of the "information" supposed to be given by poor Dreyfus; also in the Australian Melbourne Argus.

We here cannot even understand this anti-Jewish fury. It is as meaningless to us as the prejudices of the Chinese.

We English do not like grand phrases, but I cannot help saying that history presents no parallel to your actual position, since the prosecution of Jesus by the Scribes, Pharisees & rabble of Jerusalem. One can now understand how that story, or legend, has knit together the martyrs of so many centuries.

With great respect
Your servant
Charles Fairfield

P.S.

If this comparison with Jesus
Christ seems blasphemous, or extreme
remember that you have already
performed one miracle, greater than
any reported from Lourdes — you
have put the Socialists "in the
right", as we English say. They were
never right before. C-7.