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THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

Hotel Liverpool
Rue de Castiglione
Paris.

May 9th. 1899.

gB

Dear Sir

Some time ago I received your letter sent to me in London, since which time I have respected your wish to be allowed to remain in the silence of the life your are living. But the time has now come when I believe it to be right that I should approach you again on behalf of the North American Review and the american people.

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In a few weeks the decision of the Court of Cassation will be given and when this is known to the world, I am sure you will agree with me that a complete presentment of all this trying affair should be made, and the truth in every particular spoken. The North American Review stands ready to plead your cause and in offering you the pages of my review I do it, loving Justice and Humanity; I need not now plead the integrity of my proposition, for probably you are aware that for eighty four years my review has maintained its position for the justness of any cause it has espoused.

My proposition to you now is that you write me five articles going through five numbers of the review and for which I shall be glad to pay you for each 5000.– frcs. or in all a total of 25000.– frcs. Naturally I should be very glad if you were willing to undertake the first article just as soon as the Court of Cassation has given its decision. However I shall be pleased to meet with your wishes in every way, and if my present proposition is not entirely satisfactory I shall be glad to have some suggestion from you. May I ask you to give me an early answer

so that I may be able to give precedent in my review for any contribution you may make.

I expect to return to London to morrow, where I shall remain for a few days at the same hotel where you wrote me last. Thomas's Hotel, Berkeley Square. London.

Hoping to hear from you at once.

Believe me to remain
Yours faithfully.
William B. Fetts

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