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Belton Crescent

Feb. 11. 1850

My dear friend

I have read your discourse on the
cause of the decay of our Revolution
in Boston with that approbation
of your views, & admiration of
your power in developing them
which I could not but expect
from my long acquaintance with
your writings, & my intimacy with
you during the year that you
spent in England. That you may

have shared the property of home,
"are all supposed to be in the
you have reached, though without
very particular allusion to the different
state of France, that leading character
of our English Revolution, that it was
not brought about by men more
those genius, more energy, may
have been those in other words
of a similar class; but this
genius & energy have often been
the cause of their immediate
violence & ultimate failure. Our
great civil war of 1642 had the
same character - but how many
men took a part in it, or at least
had some influence, who in other

times would not have done
anything, and the result
to them is no more
it revolutionized the land
& brought together the
this 17th Century
only in the formation of a
leading state, but in
the 17th Century, the
European Revolution.
Principle was always
from the few men who
discovering, & expressing
in Italy or Germany, &
off the immediate side
I watch anxiously
in your country - but
judgment is of value
a very corrupting &
how to act on no
to be advised by friends
the other hand, those

Since would it have been otherwise effective;
and the substitution element was
to them in no sense a new mission, that
it revolutionized the revolutionary tendencies,
and kept together the organization of society.
This 19th century is the century; not
only in the formation of the spirit of the
modern states, but in that of Holland
& Switzerland, the most successful of
European revolutions, the conservative
principle was always dominant. Yet
from the few examples of success, there are
now arising, is except a millennium
in Italy or Germany, simply by the throwing
off the shackles of political sovereignty.
I watch anxiously the progress of events
in your country - whether you, or any other
judgment is of value in my eyes, taken
on my contemplation now. Your president
has to act on no steady principle, nor
be advised by patriotic men; but on
the other hand, there seems still as much

& blame in those who, in the heat
which brings over both sides, cannot
forget their ancient enemies, & split
into legitimists & orleanists, while
the real question is the maintenance of
any executive power at all. I fear that
in Rome, still more than both of us, the
sacrifice of personal ambition is rarely made.
Our strong phalanxes of party, though
they often lead to a abandonment of a public
principle in compromise with others, render
an independent pursuit of personal advantage
dishonourable.

M. O'Connell's charge is returned. I was introduced
to him the other night. I have made the
acquaintance of M. de Mafey, who is a very
agreeable man; & he made a noble sacrifice by
staying here. Emily Holland is the married
to day & I am going to the wedding. Her father
is a good friend of the young man with
whom her father is. My love & best wishes for the bride
be & her father are very well. Give her kindest
regards to your young ladies, as their duty to
a husband. I believe me Mafey from
over most truly yours H. Hallam