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I have  
just got back  
Mr. de Noailles  
book: tho' I had  
seen it before  
I had a letter  
from him  
narrowly  
D. 2<sup>d</sup> Jan'y 49

My dear Sir,

35  
I am impatient to  
see your pamphlet -  
anxious to know whether  
you take any view of the  
impossibility <sup>maintaining</sup> of any thing  
like the present state of  
things - or indeed of any  
real democracy in France  
or England or any old country,  
your name has more  
influence than I could  
have

have had at any time  
with any of our newspa-  
pers - & in fact I know  
but one "gentleman of the  
press" in the world & that  
<sup>young friend</sup>  
is Doctor Jaffard, & him  
I only know because he  
is a contractor & co-con-  
tractor of his brother's will - I  
very seldom have any  
literary or political  
intercourse with him;  
nor would he, as you  
may see by his observa-  
tions

them on the la-  
be much in-  
me contrary  
prejudis pose  
cases I had  
that we could  
that he will  
hints I had  
As to the  
I know no  
and cautious  
clergyman  
my personal  
relation co

have been on the last Quarterly,  
Newspaper - he much influenced by  
I know me contrary to his own  
of the prejudices. In your  
to that case I have no doubt  
I think that we cordially agree,  
since he that he will take the  
no case - hints I shall give him.  
with - I As to the morning Post  
as any I know nothing - but very  
tical circumstantiously - & this the  
to him; clergyman of the neighbour-  
your ing parish, who has some  
stava relation connected with  
tions that

that paper: but I have said  
that any communication  
I make to him will be  
likely to receive favourable  
attention, & I will write to  
my reverend friend  
today. I enter into  
these details with you  
that you may know  
exactly how I stand  
with those newspapers.  
I, in fact, have no real  
influence but in the  
Quarterly Review; & that,  
you know, was est.  
Chas

35/

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deja acquisés."

I am sorry to see  
Journal of the Assemblée Nationale  
forced to take up the  
~~old~~ Jacobin & Buonaparte  
partisan falsehoods &  
prejudices against the  
Lent. England is the  
ark of monarchical  
government; & in attack-  
ing her the Assemblée  
Nationale is giving, as  
far as its influence  
may go, a death wound  
to

to its own cause & in  
fact it is attacking you  
& your policy, of which  
the great & indeed only  
attributable offense, was  
your Pritchardism.

Providence of one  
thing - that we in England  
have no desire for any  
increase of territory, of  
colonies, or of influence;  
& that the realties about  
French influence & in-  
glish

glish in-  
fluents in  
played by  
material of  
armour  
that this  
does not  
about the  
national  
we do not  
foreign alle  
threaten the  
world by  
strong too





weak still more helpless;  
but short of that, depend  
upon it, that, out of Down-  
ing Street - Windsor or Cas-  
tle & the Newspaper Offices  
we care nothing at all for  
foreign policy of any  
kind, & have no touch of  
national ambition. I dare  
say that is also in some  
degree true of a great  
portion of the French  
people - but situated as  
you are, on the continent  
& really & immediately in-  
terested

35/

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limited in so many  
limitrophe States, your  
naturally are much  
more sensitive as to  
details of Foreign policy;  
- but that natural in-  
terest is very much  
inflamed & abused  
by your journalists,  
from various motives  
The average ~~average~~ crazy  
rate the importance  
of what is called your  
"influence" in foreign  
affairs; & what altogether  
Miss

Misunderstand or at  
least misrepresent the  
feelings of England on  
that subject.

I see there are diatribes  
against our ambition  
& usurpations in India  
Those usurpations are,  
I assure, at least, as  
unpopular here, as  
they can be in Paris. but  
they are forced upon us  
by the necessity of the  
case

case. - So, of  
desires no  
know that  
they is not  
experience  
they force  
into this  
quarters me  
France is  
generally  
vanity <sup>and</sup> ~~great~~  
people, but  
either the  
folly of

orally  
with the  
and on  
liatribes  
bition  
India  
one,  
at, as  
as  
Paris. but  
upon us  
the  
case

case. - So, of colonies, we  
desire no new ones; we  
know that a new colo-  
ny is nothing but  
expense & risk, but  
they force themselves  
into existence. The  
greatest misfortune of  
France is not, as people  
generally think, her  
vanity ~~pretensions~~ ambition  
people, but something  
rather the reverse - the  
folly of imitating England.  
France

9  
France is a great country,  
with great qualities, & a  
peculiar character of  
her own, which if followed  
up in a really national  
spirit, would keep her  
without effort - risk or  
revolution at the head  
of the civilized world but  
instead of this, she humbles  
herself into being a fret-  
ful & jealous imitator of  
England - She had <sup>an equal</sup> pleas-  
ure of her own as good  
as that of England & in  
essentials the same - But  
would not content her -  
She

35/

4

She must have been constituted  
 as a l'anglaise. Then  
 because we were sent  
 our King - she must  
 have been here - then be-  
 cause we had a Pro-  
 tector she must have  
 an Emperor - then be-  
 cause we were forced  
 to expel James II for  
 his cause & son in law  
 she expelled Charles &  
 for Louis Philippe - and  
 so on, but the difference  
 between

between the original case  
& the French imitation <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~  
simply this - that ours  
was sweeping - that yours  
was waster; that we  
remedied what we thought  
an immediate danger  
or defect leaving as  
little as was possible  
our fundamental  
principles - you have  
always begun - ~~by~~  
as all men copyists  
do, by over turning all  
the principles without

making any  
ment in the  
of mankind  
long <sup>in duty</sup> ~~to~~  
experiment  
have so de  
minds & p  
so blunted  
& lowered  
of your pe  
you are no  
of degrada  
I believe  
the needed



not ever  
his <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~  
ours  
but yours  
to us  
the thought  
of us  
ing as  
little  
that  
have  
by our  
jects  
ing all  
about

making any real improve-  
ment in the condition  
of mankind; & by a  
long <sup>in dulgence</sup> ~~series~~ of this wild  
experimental folly, you  
have so debauched the  
minds & principles, &  
so blunted the feelings,  
& so lowered the dignity  
of great people that  
you are now in a state  
of degradation such as  
I believe the annals of  
the world cannot parallel  
How