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Surrey

West Molesey

Surrey 26 Jan 50

Mon cher Ami - Yesterday morning
 I read over your last sheets, & returned
 them to Mr. Murray with half a
 dozen verbal alterations. There
 are two or three historical or rather
 critical points on which I should
 have liked to have suggested some
 change, if time allowed. Here slight
 differences of opinion between us a-
 rise from this, that you follow, as
 is natural, the living historians
just now in fashion more impli-
 citly than I do - but, on the whole, I
 rather wonder that our differences
 are not more important altho'
 you adopt some of the (as I think)
 misstatements of Hallam & Macaulay
 You do not partake of their spirit,
 & your judgement is, on les miers
analyse (as you say) very nearly
 as incisant

at least
so incident with my own sufficiently
so to prevent any serious difference
between the Author & his receivers.

After I had dispatched the proofs
yesterday, I received from Dr. Tra-
vers the packet with the extracts
of the French despatches; for which
I am very much obliged to you.

You think that I shall find "mes
doutes éclaircis et point à l'assom-
bly de Lord Rochester" I can hardly
say that I had any doubt on the subject.
My wonder was how Macintosh & Mac-
aulay on one side, & M. Maudsley on
the other could have drawn exactly
opposite statements from the same
authorities. I have ^{now} there seem-
ing authorities, & I have no doubt that Ma-
caule's interpretation of them is the
truer - that Sanders had imputed
the intrigue to Rochester, but
that in truth he had no more to do
with

with it than you
have had with me
posed during your
that you regretted
affect you so far
it necessary for
immense gain.
were at stake by
your office & dis-
party - I have
something of a
character. There
duty in wine &
moral men on
misinterpret - but
tion; all I care
see whether the
Maudsley's version

I see a good deal
you took me to be
friends - He is a
I am sorry not to
a Kermiquingue

to find
unhappily
in difference
in opinion.

Mr. Joseph
and Dr. Ba-
the extracts
for which
to you.
and Mrs.

in a letter
I can hardly
on the subject
took & Mac-
Maunder on
can exactly
on the same

as there can
with that Ma-
of them is the
in perspective
ter, but
no more to do
with.

with it than have yourself much
I have had with many things that hap-
pened during your administration,
that you regretted, but that did not
affect you so personally as to render
it necessary for you to endanger the
immense general interests that
were at stake by a resignation of
your office & dislocation of a great
party. I have witnessed myself
something of a more blameable
character than Rochester's hector-
ing in wine & cheer & above all
moral man with regard to loyal
mistakes - but this is another ques-
tion; all I cared about was to
see whether the despatches supported
Maunder's version & that, they do.

I see a good deal lately of the gentleman
you took me to visit. He is a grown great
friend - He is a very surprising man.
I am sorry not to find him altogether
a Kewiquint. I am one only

because I see no permanent reform for
France or the world, but under a prin-
ciple which popular passions cannot give
& therefore not take away. 1848 was a
mere continuation of 1830, as that
was of 1792, & until France returns
to something like the principles of her
government as they stand on the
4th Oct. 1789 - she will have no rest -
an hereditary constitutional monarchy
in the direct line of the house of Bourbon.
I hint this to our friend, who objects to
all - except one link of my chain &
from that (tho' never distinctly stated)
I cannot say that he would positivel
ly dissent. Yours ever ours.

I wrote to you some time ago
for some critical notes on Lamar-
tine's self glorification - I hope
you may be able to send me some.
I should wish particularly for any
details about Lagrange & the Cop-
cious mappe - Their comparative
reproductions with the most voluminous
impression

68/ I can find that passage. It is stated ^{to be} in one of his Luxembourg speeches, but the date is not given, & I have not time to hunt for that grain in a bushel of chaff. You can know by asking

I see that you & your friend here agree (as I suppose you do on most points) that things in France are likely to go on for a time ^{for some} length of time. You are the best judges, but for my part I expect an earlier crisis. The "Napoleon" & the "Assemblée Nationale" of the press are already aux contraires & I do not think that the parties of the name. Names come long keep aloof from the quarrel.

Our own politics are quietly tending to democracy. They ^{triguis legs} threaten us with a new Reform bill & some fresh measures against the Protestant principle in Ireland. We shall have our 25. 26 & 27 June 1849. That is one despotic chamber et cetera. Helas! Paul in voss. R.H.

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once more.
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to prepare
visions, but
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er, more I
resolved on
as to the Rus-
not only
unjust in
take in policy
- liberty

likely to be, from local circumstances,
incalculably expensive, of small & remote
effect on the enemy - of proportionate
difficulty on our part, & after all, cer-
tain to be ^{either} ~~at least~~ altogether ineffective
or, what was more probable, to leave
the unhappy Turk more exhausted
& feeble than he was before. There were
my views - They were Lockhart's also.
and in the short interval in which he
was in London he told me that he fore-
saw this change of policy ^{in the Regent's} - that Mr. Lay-
ard, the inevitable traveller, had be-
witched Murray, that they and himself was
looking to the Quarterly as a step ladder
for his own ambition & that the Qu-
editor had not the power, if he had
he wish, to resist this new pressure. I
soon saw the truth of this view of the case
and hastened to with draw. My last
article was in No 100 on the new Reform
Bill, which consistency to my own spirit-
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