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not tell you how agreeable & in-
structive his conversation was.
In his last interview with me
he entered into a review of the
whole course of the revolution from
Louis XV down to the moment he
was speaking. It was one of the
most brilliant orations I ever
heard, when he arrived at present
times & future prospects, he said he
"knew not what to think, to hope or
to fear - fear predominated. The
"Count de Chambord was impossible
"The Count de Paris equally impossible
"- a child - a regency and with a female
"a Protestant - or with one of the
"Princes for regent. He doubted whether
"either Prince ou Princesse s'en chan-
"gerait. Enfin l'avenir est un
"chaos pour moi". After discussing

the ^{very} probability of a
active government
the times with the
ended by saying
with a languid smile
up" a phrase which
which one gives
a riddle. I made
perfect notes of the
& would have an
article but it de-
me not; but I
to copies for my own
send you one should
safe opportunity
frequently glancing
one as to the chance
Chambord & de
was always for the
feelings & the inter

able to in
tion was.
sight me
views of the
olution from
movement he
is one of the
one of our
at present,
he said, he
to hope or
inated. He
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is not won
to discussing

the ^{impossibility} of reconciling representa-
tive government & the temper of
the times with stable authority, he
ended by saying in english &
with a languid smile "I give it
up" a phrase used in England
which one gives up guessing its
a riddle. I made a sketch & very im-
perfect notes of this conversation
& would have added it to my
article but M. de Nemours wished
me not; but I have printed
copies for my own use & I will
send you one when I can get a
safe opportunity. I observed a
frequent fluctuation in his opinion
as to the chances of the Comte de
Chambord & de Paris. His sincer
was always for the former; but his
^{own} feelings & the interests that surrounded
ed.

ed ^{often} him, swayed him the other way.
He did not like to admit that he had
been a usurper, nor to postpone
his dynasty to the other branch;
but still it was clear that he
thought the best chance of safety
for all was the principles of legisla-
tion. So I think - but I confess
that I think ^{also} the Republic ought
now to have a fair trial & the
best thing that could happen for
France would be ^{to be up to the} to change the
Constitution, but to elect a new
President when Buonaparte's time
expires. That would give stability
to the moderate party - extinguish
the Buonapartists & leave the Nation
free to decide what Government
it should finally adopt. Nothing
but the maintenance of the Republican
Constitution for the present, can save
France from new & bloody revolutions.
whereas if you will allow your