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Mon cher Ami

You will long before this
have seen the Review. I from
the first moment, thought the
consequence of the Bourbonnais
(of both sections) on the election
of d. N., a grand mistake. If
Cavaignac had been elected
he & the Reds would have
fought, (as a proverbial plea
of our country has it), like
two Irish cats, who are supposed
to have eaten up one another
so that nothing was left of either

but their tails. I have now
for 60 years watched your
revolution & I am more than
ever satisfied that the true
legitimate policy is to give
the Republic & the last consti-
tution a fair trial - in short
to reject L. N. & R. de J. &
try whether France is capable
of an American Republic.
True, you have no Washington
- but you have Adamses
Monroes & Jacksons. If the
constitution can be made to
work your country will be
tranquillised for a time -
if not, (which is my belief)
the restoration of the monarchy

will come down
say spontan
that of Charles
have seen to
patent that
May would
not of the
real claims
one nothing
nothing; of
nothing:- ex
confusion -
neither can
ment. There
but between
al republic
monarchy, &
stands seems
Chamill to

me now
your
more than
the true
to give
last words
in short
I &
is capable
public.
Washington
amuse
of the
made to
will be
time -
(select)
Monarchy

will come smoothly & I may
say spontaneously, like
that of Charles II. You will
have seen that I had asserted
asserted that the law of the 31.
May would be the real fix
point of the struggle. The personal
ambitions of the candidates
are nothing - of L. R. absolutely
nothing; of Pr. de J. something
nothing: - either may make
confusion - & only a short one -
neither can found a govern-
ment. There is no real choice
but between the Constitutional
republic & the legitimate
monarchy, & the republic, as it
stands seems to me the easiest
channel to the Monarchy

The papers I quoted from your
opus over to M. Dehu's had
been much & deservedly ad-
mired here - I hope the answer
may produce its due effect
in France - It is a beautiful
exposition of the real founda-
tions of governments & indeed
of society. Pray tell me what
share you had in the founda-
tion of the Société de l'histoire
de France, which has just pub-
lished Barthelemy's "Journal histo-
rique", of which I wish to give
some account, & if, as I suspect,
you had any share in its for-
mation I should like to give
you the credit of it. Why is
the Assemblée Nationale so slow
just as to attribute Palmerston's
policy to England in general
&

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Lieu

It above all to suppose that he on
any man in England dreams
of acquiring Sicily! - So far
from desiring any such thing,
I will venture to say that not
one man, Whig or Tory, would
consent to accept it even
if offered; & you may be assured
we are more likely to get rid
of the colonies that we have
than to attempt to obtain
new one. M. Pellicier, who
ever he is, knows no more
of England than he does of
China - It may serve some
short sighted temporary
purpose to endeavour to
exasperate France against
England - or their attempted

to do to embarrass you,
but depend upon it, by you,
I mean all concerns as
England, desires nothing
from France; & in France
nothing but her peace &
prosperity. I made a
mistake when I mentioned
Bouley for the Presidency
- I see that he is ineligible
by the Constitution, but I
only threw out his name
like N. or F. as a mere
guidance - any body rather than
N. or P. de J. but I still prefer
Lumartine. He would make
the easiest transition to the legi-
timate Bourbon. Ever yours
L.G.