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~~Confidential~~
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West Molesey
Surrey
24. Feb. '56

Monsieur Ami

I have received William's
note in time & sent the notes
to press. but now I have to
ask you, in strict confidence,
what you think can be the
ultimate objects of M. de Mont
alambert in the book he
has just published on our
Queen's politique. I see well
enough two of his objects - first
to have an opportunity of dispa-
raging the present French go-
vernment by contrasting it
with ours - he praises & some-
times over praises this or that
thing in England only to censure
the

the absence of it in France.
another main object is to in-
dulge his Ultramontane Monar-
chism, for it really seems to
amount to that - for the Pope's
supremacy all over the world.
This deal for Popery ~~with~~ mingled
with an equal zeal for unlimited
liberty of speech & writing makes
a strange medley of discordances
& dissolves him in perpetual
inconsistencies - That saute aux
yeux; but what I cannot so plain-
ly see is what his political object
is. In the first place he never
answers his own question, que
va devenir l'Angleterre? He tells
us we shall never lose our "Noble
institutions", but ^{that} we can only pre-
serve them by "great transformations"
- and that we are even now
engaged in that "great enterprise";

and yet he tells
us we are safe from a re-
vulsion that he
thinks distinctly
why, & he talks of
just of minor
tion of our
I think it seems
topic is an
oration paper
France & England
appears to me
manus. It
his own personal
seems to have
beverage from
also accepted
a secret in the
1848 - They were
that body. So
understand -
history of Louis
come into the
Montolombert
a member of the

against which he directs such
severe censures. How is all
this to be accounted ^{for?} I am obliged
to give my own opinions on these
facts, but I am deeply perplexed
how to form one - I do not understand
these eccentricities - &
that I most earnestly entreat
of you is to give me, for my
guidance, your private & confi-
dential opinion - I shall go no
farther than my own eye, & will
only serve to guide ^{me} to some
clue to get thro' this labyrinth.

Pray excuse me as quickly
as William did, for I am pressed
for time - a few general words
on each of the topics I have suggest-
ed will suffice, especially on
these two, what would he have?
& how is his own personal conduct to
be reconciled with his conservative
principles? Ever sincerely yours
L. G.