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March 19.

1858

Dear Sir & Friend

In the first place let me thank you for your letter, which is, like your presence, cheering & consolatory. We have always thought as you do about war. Even my crocking husband has always loved the idea of that. Still it is a great comfort to have your authority -

Secondly, I beg you to accept from me a copy of Lord Juff's book. I have ordered one to be sent to Juff, directed to you, & I trust it will reach you in safety. You are not to expect a well made book. Mr A. thinks the first part disappointing; he says the generalities are poor. It is not the work of a man of letters - but of a statesman

of great experience, great
sincerity, & the loftiest purp-
ses. So you see why I send
it to you. There has been an
article on it in the Times, full
of the grossest misrepresentation
of the lowest abuse. It is really
an outrage against public
decency. It can do no good but
harm with any body capable
of understanding his book. And
it may be held that it will
damage the Times, which is very
become the opprobrium of the
country. One of the things that
has most lowered L. Palmer &
L. Har. in the estimation of
gentlemen is the count they have
paid to the Times. I think people
are beginning to see under what
a tyranny ^{they} are living. A
few days ago Mr. Lowe who was
promoted from the Times to a
public office (that under Lord
Aberdeen) was black-balled at the
Athenaeum Club. This

is very significant, & looks
like an attempt at emancipa-
tion. This is a side of the question
which you certainly will not
hear from Meow. Now it is that,
after his famous animosity, &
D. P. he has become so devoted
to him & his party, I never could
understand - except as one of
the curious results of flattered
vanity - I am very sorry, because
it has cost him so large a portion
of my husband's esteem.
This of course I say to you alone.
For I know Henry, & I don't qualify
& shall always love him. But he
& his wife are devoted to a man
we never could admire or respect.
In justice to a most foully
calumniated man, I must
tell you how disgusted we
have been at the treatment of
Lord Clarendon. No doubt his
life has not been a very pure
one, but you know - whether it
becomes the the of lords, or under
even generally, to institute an
inquisition into gentlemen.
As for the charges brought

against him by the newspapers
recurred with the usual read-
ings by society - amounting
to swindling, forgery, cruelty &
every sort of baseness & every husband
who has gone most carefully
into the evidence, declares that
there is not the slightest tittle
of proof - that, on the contrary
every presumption & every
proof is the other way. It was
(in my eyes) quite adorable
to see him lay aside his dignity
his indolence, his dislike to
all publicity, & from a pure
& holy passion for justice
apply himself to the case of
a man he did not know (he
had seen him once) & pass
days in drawing out a full
& suspicious judgment on it.
I think he sent Lord C. in writing
(asking afterwards to have it
brought back again that he might sign
it) And this when Lord C. &
friends - noble friends - were
giving him perf.

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I could have kissed my
husband's feet. The reaction
has begun but he could not
know that. Lord Braconot &
Lord Wensleydale have pronounced
exactly the same opinion on
the evidence. ^{as we hear today} I have that
L. Justice of Ireland, &
a Lord, has sent for all the
documents of the trial & after
careful study of them, declares
L. C. to have been guilty
treated. He says the evidence was
of a kind that never ought for
a moment to have been reviewed.
I hardly know L. C. He is quite
out of our line. But it is really
frightful to see a man's repu-
tation hurled to death by news-
papers, & then by gossips.
My dear & venerable friend Lord
Sandown has behaved like
himself - like a gentleman.
To leave this for a more ap-
propriate subject - you coming.
Perhaps you know that Mr. John
Boileau has invited me to meet

you can guess that I mean
to go. Will you keep me in
command of your plans that
I may be ready. Do you go
first to Radde or into Norfolk?
I had a letter from Lord Grey
yesterday in which he says,
"I hope when Mr. Guizot comes
to Eng I may have the plea-
sure of seeing him, & that
he may perhaps be induced
to make an inn of Howick
on his way to Scotland."
I so wish you could & that
especially if your visit
were late enough to allow
Lord Grey to have left London.
I don't know if it is quite
that Paul will sit late.
Opinions are most varied
about the chances of the
Ministry standing. Mr. George
Byng (who married Lady Alice
Egerton) one of the most

promising of the young whigs
will vote with Mr. Derby
for the present - But Kingston
told me he would do the same.
A good many liberals seem
disposed to offer no farther
opposition. The truth is, they
are sick of the petulance of
Mr. Russell & the recklessness
of Lord John, who is willing
to join the radicals. Hey, as you
look upon this ministry
as a stepping stone for themselves,
I hear that Mr. D. has brought
forward some very promising
young subordinates - especially
Mr. Donoughmore, Mr. Fitzgerald
& Mr. Harcourt - the latter a young
man of very large fortune
who is disposed to be useful.
Mr. Pakington is expected
to be a member to be in for
against Mr. Mowbray - a young
man he is not Vernon Smith.
The Chamberlain is a bad appoint-
ment. Mr. Stanley, probably good
people hardly know. I understand
you know. He seems a poor

creature but will maintain
These are the on dits & con-
jectures. I agree with Lady
Glessmer whom I visited y^e
today. "It is a good thing to have
got rid of Lord ^{of} at whatever
price!" So her noble husband
would have said.

I hope we are at the end
of the ridiculous passages
with your government. We
are indeed all strange blunderers.
Strangest of all a English
Minister who does not know
that, if there is a thing the English
people will not bear, it is,
any approach to dictation
from abroad. And this blunder
to have been committed by the
C^o & Romanus!

Farewell dear & honoured
friend. You have let me a
prating, & I have not known
when to stop. Kindest loves
all from your most faithfully
attached
Chustin.