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London, 6th March, 1836.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter which came to me through Mr. Weston Cooper, the Secretary of the English Record Commission, in which you did me the honour of accepting and nominating me a correspondent of the Commission Historique formed under your direction. I beg that you will believe in the sincerity of my gratitude for the high mark of distinction which you have thus accorded to me, as well as for the volumes of your beautiful and most valuable collection of unedited documents relating to the History of France which you have done me the honour to present to me, and which were forwarded to me through the French Embassy by Monsieur Francaigue Michet. I shall feel highly gratified if my good fortune shall enable me to be serviceable in furthering the views of your Commission, if amongst the magnificent collections of documents with which my country abounds, I shall find any thing which will add or illustrate the volumes of your

truly admirable collection. With these volumes before me,
I am at present preparing a paper on your *Commission
Historique* and on its Publications, in which I hope to
make both better known in this country than they at
present are. It will appear in the *Foreign Quarterly
Review*, one of the most respectable of our Journals, and
I hope very soon to have the honour of presenting to you
a copy separately printed.

In your letter, Sir, you did the honour of com-
missioning me to procure for you a copy of the two first
volumes of *Doomsday*, which is now no longer in print. After
making some search amongst the booksellers, chance threw
into my way an ancient copy at an auction of the trade,
and Mr Pickering bought it for me for seven guineas. I
find on inquiry, that this is under the price for which, when
a copy of this book is met with, it now generally sells, which
is ten pounds. When I first saw it, it was surprised to
find that the volumes were without titles, but I am informed
that the titles and indices to all the volumes of *Doomsday*
were given with the last volume, so that I expect they will
be found in one of the volumes which were sent to you by
Mr Cooper. I hope, therefore, that I shall have fulfilled your
desire satisfactorily to the best of my power, and that these
two volumes will make your set of the publications of our

Record Commission. I have forwarded these two volumes through M. Lacroix of Paris.

In your letter, Sir, you have also done me the honour to signify to me your willingness to receive any suggestions on matters which may concern your collection of herited documents relating to the history of France. I have ventured to mark several things in the volume of Notices, &c. relating to the Commission, on which I would have offered some remarks, but at the present moment I have unfortunately lent that volume to a friend who is a sub-commissioner of our Record Commission, and who is in daily expectation of being called for examination before the committee of the House of Commons which has been appointed to look into its proceedings. I will, however, endeavor to call to mind those to which I attached in my own mind any degree of importance, and immediately on the return of my book I will verify my notes with the manuscripts, and will send you more accurate notices, or transcripts of the pieces themselves, if you shall judge my suggestions of any value.

1. With regard to the volume of herited works of Abelard— I have observed in a volume I think of the Abbé collection of M. M., in a very early hand-writing, approaching nearly to Baron, a Latin Psalm in a few pages on a moral

subject by Abalard. I have not examined the printed works of Abalard, to see if this form be among them. If not, and if it be acceptable to you, I will either send you a transcript, or, if it be already among those that will be printed in your collection, I will collate this copy for you on the proofs.

2. In the volumes relating to the first two races of the Frankish Kings, is it your intention to add in Appendix or otherwise the shorter unedited documents which may be found? I have seen in one of the Arsenal Manuscripts in the British Museum, which is written in a very early hand, I almost think of the latter end of the tenth century, a life of Pepin, which I believe to be unedited, but which is unfortunately very imperfect by the loss of the latter leaves of the volume in which it is contained. There are at present but few or six leaves in folio. I think it by no means improbable that our collections contain other scraps relating to the earlier times.

3. I feel very much interested in the volume which you propose on the Palaeography of the Middle Ages, and I should be particularly glad to see the English part (for I suppose that it will embrace the subject generally) done correctly and completely. We have in England hundreds of Roman Manuscripts of all periods from the beginning of

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the seventh century to the end of the twelfth, when they
came to be Saxon, and I shall feel a pleasure in
condensing any assistance to this part of the work,
or to the later periods of writing in England. I have
some fac-similes of early and important though
scarcely known Saxon Manuscripts which are preserved
in the libraries at Cambridge. Rike's book is at
present not much ~~known~~ in England, and in all
cases it would perhaps be well to verify his fac-
similes with the originals before using any of
them.

These, Sir, are all the suggestions which I have
at present to offer, and I scarcely venture to hope
that they contain anything which you will esteem
of value. I am, Sir, with the deepest sentiment
of respect,

Your Obedt. Humble Servant

Thomas Wright