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MY DEAR SIR: You were right in doubting the declaration imputed to me, to wit: That the Cabinet at Washington had given orders to seize Messrs. Mason and Slidell, even under a neutral flag, for I was not even aware that the Government had had that point even under consideration. At the time of my leaving New York it was not known that the San Jacinto had returned to the American seas; and it was generally supposed those persons had escaped to Cuba for the purpose of re-embarking in the Nashville, in pursuit of which vessel the James Adger and other cruisers had been dispatched.

I think I can satisfy you in a few words that you have no serious occasion to feel concerned about our relations with England, if, as her rulers profess, she has no disposition to encourage the dissensions in America.

In the first place, it is almost superfluous to say to you that every instinct of prudence as well as of good neighborhood prompts our Government to regard no honorable sacrifice too great, for the preservation of the friendship of Great Britain. This must be obvious to all the world. At no period of our history has her friendship been of more importance to our people; at no period has our Government been in a condition to make greater concessions to preserve it. The two nations are united by interests and sympathies—commercial, social, political, and religious, almost as the two arms to one body, and no one is so ignorant as not to know that what harms one must harm the other in a corresponding degree.

I am persuaded that the British Government can entertain no doubt upon this point, but if it does, I feel that I may take it upon myself to say that the President of the United States, when made aware of its existence, will lose no opportunity of dispelling it.

Nor is there anything, I venture to affirm, in the seizure of these rebel emissaries which ought to receive an unfriendly construction from England. Here before me is a resolution the legal right of an American vessel of war to search any commercial vessel justly suspected of transporting contraband of war; that right has never been surrendered by England; it was even guaranteed to her by the Treaty of Paris, and British guns frowning down upon nearly every strait and inland sea upon the globe are conclusive evidence that she regards this right as one, the efficacy of which may be not yet entirely exhausted. If, however, there is much that is irritating and vexatious in the exercise of this right under the most favorable circumstances, and it is to be hoped the day is not far distant when the maritime States of the world will agree in placing neutral commerce beyond the reach of such vexations. The United States Government has been striving to this end for more than fifty years; and this end, early in the present century, and in its infancy as a nation, it embarked in a war with the greatest naval power in the world, and it is even now a persistent suitor at every maritime Court in Europe for a more liberal recognition of the rights of neutrals than of the other great maritime nations have yet been disposed to make. But until those rights are secured by proper international guarantees upon a comprehensive and enduring basis, of course England cannot complain of an act for which in all its material bearings her own naval history affords such numerous precedents.

Whether the captives from the Trent were contraband of war or not, is a question which the two Governments can have no serious difficulty in agreeing upon. If Mr. Seward cannot satisfy Earl Russell that they were, I have no doubt Earl Russell will be able to satisfy Mr. Seward that they were not. If they were, as all authorities concur in admitting, agents of the rebellion, it will be difficult to satisfy impartial minds that they were any less contraband than a file of rebel soldiers or a battery of hostile cannon.

But even should there be a difference of opinion upon this point, it is very clear that our Government had sufficient grounds for presuming itself in the right to escape suspicion of having wantonly violated the relations of amity which the two countries profess a desire to preserve and cultivate.

The pretence that we ought to have taken the Trent into port, and had her condemned by a Prize Court, in order to justify our seizure of four passengers, furnishes a very narrow basis on which to fix a controversy between two great nations. Stated in other words, an offence would have been less if it had been greater. The wrong done to the British flag would have been mitigated if, instead of seizing the four rebels, we had the ship detained all her passengers for weeks, and confiscated her cargo. I am not surprised that Capt. Wilkes took a different view of his duty and of what was due to the friendly relations which subsisted between the two Governments. The renowned common sense of the English people, I believe, will approve of his effort to make the discharge of a very unpleasant duty as little vexatious as possible to all innocent parties.

If, under these circumstances, England should deem it her duty, in the interest of civilization, to insist upon the restoration of the men taken from under the protection of her flag, it will be from a conviction, without doubt, that the law of nations in regard to the rights of neutrals, which she has taken the leading part in establishing, requires revision, and with a suitable disposition on her part to establish those rights upon a just, humane and philosophic basis. Indeed, I am happy to see an intimation in one of the leading metropolitan journals, which goes far to justify this inference. Referring to the decisions of the English Admiralty Courts, now quoted in defence of the seizure of the American rebels on board the Trent, the London *Times* of Nov. 28 says:

"So far as the authorities go, the testimony of international law-writers is all one way, that a belligerent war-cruiser has the right to stop and visit and search any merchant ship upon the high seas. But it must be remembered that these decisions were given under circumstances very different from those which now occur. Steamers in those days did not exist, and mail vessels, carrying letters wherein all the nations of the world have an immediate interest, were unknown. We were fighting for existence, and we did in those days what we should neither do nor allow others to do, not expect ourselves to be allowed to do in these days."

If England, as we are here encouraged to hope, is disposed to do her part in stripping war of half its terrors by accepting the policy long and persistently urged upon her by our Government, and commended by every principle of justice and humanity, she will find no ground, in the visit of the Trent, for controversy with our Government. I am sure the President and people of the United States would be but too happy to let these matters go free, unnatural and unpardonable as their offences have been, if by it they can emancipate the commerce of the world. Greatly as it would be to our disadvantage at the present crisis to surrender any of those maritime privileges of belligerents which, sanctioned by the law of nations, I feel that I take no responsibility in saying that the United States will be faithful to her traditional policy upon this subject, and to the spirit of her political institutions.

On the other hand, should England be unprepared to make a corresponding sacrifice, I should she feel that she could not yet afford to surrender the advantages which the present maritime code gives to a dominant naval power, of course she will not put herself in a false position by asking us to do it. In either case, therefore, I do not see how the friendly relations of the two Governments are in any immediate danger of being disturbed.

That the over-prompt recognition as belligerents, of a body of men, however large, so long as they constituted a manifest minority of the nation, wounded the feelings of my countrymen deeply, I will not affect to deny, nor that that act, with some of its logical consequences that have already occurred, has planted in the breasts of many the suspicion that their kindred in England wish them evil rather than good; but the statesmen to whom the political interests of these two great people are confided, not upon higher responsibilities and with better lights, and you may rest assured that an event so mutually disastrous as a war between England and America cannot occur without some other or graver provocation than has yet been given by either nation. WINFIELD SCOTT.

Hotel Westminister, Paris, Dec. 2, 1861.

To ——, Esq.

How the Trent Affair is Viewed in Washington.

All the news from Washington is pacific. There seems to be a fixed resolution that a war with England is to be avoided if it can possibly be done by any conciliation short of National dishonor. The wisdom and prudence of the President and Cabinet, in this respect, commends itself to the hearty approbation of the whole people.

The special dispatch of the New York *Tribune*, of Dec. 19, says:

ARRIVAL OF THE MESSENGERS FROM ENGLAND.

Capt. Seymour and Mr. Adam's messenger arrived about midnight, in consequence of a delay caused by a railroad accident. Lord Lyons has detained the Africa till Friday. Nothing can, of course, be known of the dispatches till to-morrow, when the President will send a message to the Senate on the subject of our relations with Great Britain, which will be considered in Executive Session.

A rumor is afoot that the Government has decided to return Mason and Slidell; but we are satisfied, after inquiry, that it is untrue. The question would not be decided in advance of the receipt of Mr. Adam's dispatches, and there has been no Cabinet meeting since yesterday. The Africa will carry to England a dispatch from Lord Lyons, containing little more than the intelligence that he has received and delivered to the American Government his instructions from the Foreign Office.

The following special dispatch to the New York *Times*, intimates that the rebel envoys may be given up:

THE ENGLISH QUESTION—ATTITUDE OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

A Cabinet meeting was held to-day, at which the English question was discussed—of course informally, as the nature of the dispatches brought by the Royal messenger is not been divulged. There was but one sentiment, and that was that no quarrel with England must be permitted to interfere at this moment to stay the reduction of the Southern rebels. The Government is probably satisfied that the clamor for a war with England originates with, and is propagated by sympathizers with the Southern rebellion. It knows that nothing would so gratify the rebels; would so restore their vanishing confidence, and reinvigorate them to redoubled efforts at defence, as the news that England is to be permitted to come to their rescue. It believes it has no right to give new life to the rebellion by entering upon another and vaster quarrel, which would at the same time increase tenfold the burdens upon the people of the North; and it naturally hesitates to adopt a policy which would carry joy to every traitor in the country, and weigh down to poverty the loyal and law-observing citizen. But whether these or other considerations govern in the matter, I have the best authority for saying the demands of England will be met in a spirit of conciliation, that will at once refute the calumny that Mr. Seward, or any other member of the Cabinet, has been eager to provoke a foreign war. The intelligence received by the Jura, that the dispatches with which Slidell and Mason were entrusted reached England, notwithstanding their arrest, renders the question as to the disposition of the persons of the rebel envoys one of secondary moment, and a most inadequate one on which to base a great international struggle. It will be borne in mind that the Administration is still uncommitted on the Trent business. The subject was not mentioned in the President's Message; and the language of Secretary Wells, in his report, and his letter to Capt. Wilkes, are rather professional than diplomatic, and in no degree bind the State Department. Of one thing the public may rest assured, the subject will not be settled without an important curtailment of the English pretensions to enforce a right of search, which she finds so unpalatable concede to other Powers.

A dispatch to the New York *Herald* says the President will not give up the traitor ambassadors under any circumstances, and that he is immovably fixed in this purpose.

Dispatches received at Washington state that the rebels in the South are wild with excitement over the news received by the Europa, indicating that England has assumed a hostile attitude towards the United States. They regard it as an evidence of the intention of the quondam mistress of the seas to take up their quarrel, open their ports, and fight their battle. They deceive them