



Via Marseille

The Right Honble

The Lord Brougham & Vaux

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Cuthbert Mackenzie

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My dear Lord,

I arrived here only a few days ago and found your most interesting Address which you kindly send me. I read it when it appeared in the Papers with much attention but the passages you have been so good to mark did not I think appear at least in the present expressions.

I am very glad to have your Protest against this second partition of Poland. The alliance of Despots is now replaced by an alliance of Revolutions and both are equally violent & unjustifiable. We have lived to see the age when the Jus Gentium is buried in the Cross roads: and political science is travestied by the theories of 1793. I confess I have ill auguries for the future of Europe unless it return to the first principles of its creation. Philosophers tell us "Omne ens ab eo conservatur &

quo factum est" And certainly it was
the Catholic Church as Guizot admits, which
created Christian Europe, & by it alone has
it been preserved. In the present attempt to
dethrone the Church I see the dissolution
of the whole order of which it is the
key stone & bond. Rome being the head
& centre of the Christian Church, & its Temporal
Sovereignty the point of contact & union between
the Christianity of Europe & its Civil order
I look upon the present National revolution
& the policy of England towards it as the
subversion of Christian Europe. This will
seem paradoxical & crude but in a letter I
have no chance of explaining myself as I
could wish. I had hoped to find in Rome
a copy of a small book I published on
this point: but I am not able. I will
desire one letter sent from England = & if
you have the patience to read it, I hope
I shall not appear to speak at random.

There is another point on which I would
ask your kind attention. Your Lordship is

aware that the action & office of the Mass is
the chief part of the Catholic worship: & that
its benefit to the living & the departed is a pre-
mory doctrine of the Catholic religion.

You are also aware that by the Superstitious
Uses all bequests for Masses for the departed are
null.

Notwithstanding Lord Campbell's opinion ex-
pressed in the House of Lords, the Master of the
Rolls on Nov. 20 last enjoined this view, & the
preceding judgments founded on it and declared
such a bequest then before him to be null.

And yet the Catholic Religion & worship
is not only tolerated but recognized, legiti-
mized, and protected by many statutes.

This is an inconsistency, and an anomaly which
ought not to survive next Session. It is also an incon-
sistency and a public grievance at variance with
our whole modern legislation. I need not say that it
is felt by Catholics to be a highly offensive stigma
on the most sacred part of their worship & religion.
Now it appears to me that no one has such a
call & such a claim to blot the Superstitious
uses out of our Statute Book as you Lordship.
You have been the most consistent, & an avowed
friend of religious equality, you have known the in-
equality of this law by presiding as Lord Chancellor
over the highest Court in the Realm, and you

perhaps both in Parliament & ~~also~~ among the people
a weight as a Public man & a Statesman in dealing
with such a subject beyond any other I know.

I reminded you that we once drew up an amendment
in the Library of the House of Lords. I hope I may
have the happiness of seeing you among the
last acts of your long & consistent public life

Disregard this line! It is the back of another page. Disregard, XXXXX

introduce & carry thro' Parliament a Bill to
efface from our laws the very invidious & pious
remnant of intolerance.

I hope you are quite well & enjoying your beautiful
Villa. Believe me, My dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully
A. E. Manning.