

Kossuth and Pres. John Tyler

Shrewsbury Forest Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1852  
To Pres. Wm Tyler

"That great man who has come as an exile among us -- his lamentation of municipalities at Southampton and in this country, was well uttered. You ask my opinion of him, I scarcely know how to express it in terms sufficiently strong. He is not only the first of orators, but in my opinion the greatest, because one of the purest of men. Whether I would be willing to maintain his doctrine of non-intervention to its ultimate consequences or not, I cannot but admire him for the zeal with which he pleads in behalf of Hungary, and the frankness with which he announces his opinions, - opinions which <sup>23 yrs hence</sup> when our <sup>shall amount to</sup> population ~~will be~~ 50,000,000, will have avation for their advocate. The sword of absolutism seem to threaten the overthrow of every scintilla of freedom in Europe; and I confess my apprehensions

that K's anticipation of  
the early rising of the masses  
is more the result of an  
ardent wish, than of a  
substantial + well considered  
judgment. Should J. however,  
be mistaken in this, the finger  
of Providence seems to point  
him out as the sole person  
"to ride upon the whirlwind  
and direct the storm" for the  
good of humanity. So be it.

(Tyler Leon. : The letters and  
Times of the Tylers 1-4  
1885 in Vol 2, P. 497)

