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Dear Sir!

We just learn from the public papers the astounding and unexpected news, that the Senate of the U.S. declined to confirm your nomination to the U.S. consulate at London.

We can not forbear to express our deep regret and mortification at this untoward occurrence.

We are prompted to express this our regret not only from private feelings of affection which we are owing in return of the friendships we and our fellow-citizens at large have experienced from you, but we are likewise prompted to do so on weighty considerations of a public character.

Sir! while the European cabinets tremble against the triumph of the Republican principle, we consider as well from commonality of interest, as also from consistency, not to say from a due remembrance of the assistance received in trying days, to be the political duty of Republican America, to encourage the democratic principle, and to lend, if not more at least, her moral aid to the Republicans in Europe.

This expectation Sir! is so conform to nature and so logical, that it enters in the calculations of the Monarchical cabinets, and in the hopes of the oppressed nations equally.

From almost similar manifestations of public opinion, in the U.S. and proceeding that strength and corresponding resolutions of your legislative Government have certainly justify this expectation Sir! yet it is not to be doubted, that it is the diplomatic policy of the U.S. in Europe, who are called upon to represent most efficiently the power and wisdom of the Republican principle in the very eyes of Monarchical Europe, and to assert its permanent pre-eminence actually in social as in political regard, provided, they always act publicly as well as privately in accordance with that same Republican principle upon which the very foundation of your country rests.

Unfortunately Sir! it was until now but by rare praiseworthy exceptions, that public opinion in Europe was gladdened by the view of such a representation of Republican America; a fact certainly rather advantageous to the interests of republicanism in general, and adding to the consideration abroad of Republican America.

But in you Sir! we had the high qualification to see a gentleman, perfectly consistent in the representation of your country's democratic character, such in a word as

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European democracy wishes to see the Representatives of Republican America, not only in their official activity but also in their social life to the character of America.

Brethren Sir! it is a duty on our part thankfully to acknowledge Your prompt and hearty readiness to, advance the cause of democracy in Europe with all the means consistent with the duties incumbent on Your official position and while we can ^{but} assign the discretion. You never failed to use in paying due regard to the established relations of Your Government we in the same time by ^{but} have to assure You of our grateful appreciation of all the valuable and important services You have rendered during Your short stay amongst us, as well to the cause of democracy in general, as also to many of its representatives in particular, services the ^{most} important and the more valuable, as it is obvious, that the political conjunctures of Europe have come to an essential turning point; when that concord and union which amongst other particular services, You so happily succeeded to cement ^{between} ~~amongst~~ the different fractions of European Democracy, can not prove but vitally beneficial to the cause.

And it is at such a moment Sir! that the vote of the Senate of the U. S. reverses the law, and gives full scope to the misrepresentation, that it is precisely in account of the marked sympathy You have shown to the democracy in Europe, that Your confirmation has been withheld.

That is a heavy and mischievous blow at the prospects of that democracy, just at this moment when we regret to say that it will cause great rejoicing in all despotic quarters, but will also cause in democratic quarters a regret and a discouraging disappointment such as ours is.

Can you not believe dear Sir! that such could have been the design of the Senate of the United States, but sure it is that such is the lamentable effect; and we can not forbear to hope that the knowledge of that lamentable bearing, may yet induce a reconsideration, which we most fervently wish.

Yet however that be dear Sir! we are on the eve of great events - some of those who now address You as exiles, may ^{soon} be called upon to act with the authority of their respective nations; and for that event Sir! we beg You to be assured, that there will be more than one amongst us, who shall prove to You, that the Republics of Europe are not forgetful of received services, and how hard to appreciate their true friends. (O. Vashatashan) ②

In the meantime, please to accept once more the expression of our
found regret, and also the assurance of our high appreciation and sincere thank-
fulness.

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Yours faithfully,
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