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Once more, don't let the bullying of *The Daily News* annoy you. It is Reeve's battle; let him fight it.

Take, however, Mozley into your counsels; I am sure you may trust him entirely, and let him write on the English passion for foreign refugees, reminding him of the enthusiasm in 1808 for the Asturian deputies and the small sympathy or thanks we found in Spain for our interference. We have interfered everywhere and been thanked nowhere. Bird professes confidence, but his charges against Kossuth are all of a private nature.

VIENNA,  
November 1, 1851.

MY DEAR GEORGE,

I saw Count Zichy this morning and heard his story, which is certainly precise enough, as to the abstraction of his jewels by Kossuth. These jewels formed part of a most magnificent set of ornaments for a Hungarian dress, and he showed me not only a casket from which the biggest of some immense diamond buttons had been taken, but the empty sockets in a belt and other ornaments from which large emeralds had been forced, all these things having been, as he alleges, in Kossuth's personal possession, and the missing stones having been since, in one way or other, traced to his hands. This Zichy is the brother of the one whom Gorgey hanged, on whose death this one came into possession not only of all this finery, but of very large estates.

As Bird has probably informed you, there was a project for collecting a number of great Hungarian names to a repudiation of Kossuth, but this scheme has now dwindled down into a proposal that old Paul Esterhazy, who was a kind of Lord Grey in the first Hungarian Cabinet, should write letters to the Duke and Lord Melbourne stating the reasons of his separation from Kossuth, and expressing very disadvantageous opinions of Kossuth's private and political honesty. I am to see the old man to-morrow, but I don't think much will come of the scheme, although Bird and Zichy and the rest of them make no doubt of their ability to get the letters written. If

they are sent, we must make Greville get copies of them, unless, indeed, I can get them here.

I am amused at Kossuth's proposed intention to return to the United States. The American Minister here told me this morning that he had offered to pledge himself that Kossuth should go straight to the States, and that the Americans would not have sent him a dollar or lent him a cock-boat if they had thought he was to return to England. With such a reception as our fools have given him I should not wonder if he refused to cross the Atlantic at all.

However, you have more than enough of all this at home, so I will bore you no more about it. Only take care that Reeve is not too reactionary. We get no good by it either here or at home—not here because there is nobody to read us, and not in England because our own dear public likes to see discord and revolution abroad, however little it may care for liberalism itself.

We leave here on Monday for Prague and Dresden, and hope to be on the following Sunday at Cologne. If so, we shall be at Ostend on Monday night and in town on Tuesday, so as just to fill up the six weeks. I am a little disappointed in Vienna, but in fact Venice spoils one for everything else, and, though I have not been able to do much, this Kossuth business has prevented me from working hard at sightseeing. The weather, too, looks damp and dismal after Italy, so that altogether I shall not be inconsolable when my holiday is over.

I am, as ever, my dear George,

Yours,  
J. T. D.

LEIPSIC,  
Friday, November 7, 1851.

MY DEAR GEORGE,

You will have heard from Bird how little all that business in Vienna came to, so I will only tell you that I had a long interview with Esterhazy, and one yet longer with Schwartzberg, neither of which produced any result. So, as the weather was detestable, and Vienna itself rather a failure, we left it last Tuesday in a snowstorm which lasted all day, and