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Foreign Intelligence.

ENGLAND.—We recommend the following article, from the "Times" of the 28th February, to the attention of those who affect to doubt, or attempt to decry, the enlightened and magnanimous policy of Her Majesty's Government; and the concluding passage to the special attention of Dr. Castellanos, Minister of Foreign Affairs, of the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay.

As it is said, with what amount of foundation it is at present unable to state, that the Austrian Government has resolved to demand the extradition, or, at least, the expulsion of Kosuth, Maffei, and the other refugees now remaining abroad from the territory of that Kingdom; and that, on the anticipated failure of this demand, the Governments of Prussia and of France are prepared to address a joint note to the same effect. In the event of a counsel refused on our part, we are threatened, as it is said, with the withdrawal of the Ministers representing these three Powers at this Court, and with such further inconvenience as may result from the decisive resolution in which England, it is supposed, will thereupon be left. That the Austrian Government should revolt in Lombardy, with some sanction at home and sanguinary manifestoes proclaimed from its metropolis, is not surprising in a state of considerable excitement, that Prussia should have caught the infection, and that it will defend the asylum to which it is glad to express an unaffected sympathy for its brother Austria, are circumstances which are not surprising. It is not surprising should induce us to discredit the rumour we have just received, and to believe that the Emperor is difficult to convince, how such a demand should be contemplated without a full sight of the consequences which it would entail upon the face of the earth must be fully aware that this country is the asylum of France, and that it will defend the asylum to the last ounce of its treasure, and the last drop of its blood. There is no point whatever on which we are prouder and more resolute. We remember with satisfaction that this is the only spot in Europe where the unfortunate politician has leisure to reconsider his opinions, and place to repent of his errors; what would be the result of a demand for the extradition of the people, and where the Republic can may defy the indignation and terror of France? We neither know of any man who is hidden in this metropolis; we only know that they are safe, and that the whole power of the Emperor is exerted for their protection; if, indeed, the free and open nature of our domestic institutions left it an easy matter to detect and lay our hands on the foreign incendiary.

But, even were it not so absolutely certain as it is, that the Emperor would not consent, and that the statesman who lent an ear to them would henceforth be deemed to pollute his country, and to be unworthy of consideration that might have some weight with our frightened and too sensitive neighbours. We would not wish to be at the moment, but for the great British ally? They have all profited by it in their time. It was here that Louis Napoleon prepared not only his landing at Boulogne, but his more successful invasion of France. It was here that he invaded the liberties of France. It was here that the great support of absolutism was glad to see the Emperor's army, and that he covered Europe sooner than he expected. The Prince of Prussia came here when Berlin was engaged in the siege, and the Austrian Minister followed in his steps. Surely some gratitude is due from these men and their friends to the Emperor, who has done so much so useful in its results. But we may appeal to another sentiment not less powerful than that of gratitude. It has been said that it is politics gratitude is only for favours to be received. It is altogether impossible that the great French Emperor, the Emperor of Austria, and Prussia may once more be glad of a neutral ground, that the Emperor Napoleon may rest his feet in his house, in King street. Metternich resums his quarters in Belgium, and the Emperor of Austria, the King of Prussia, visit his residence in Calcutta. There will, perhaps, some additions to the circle of those who are invited to the Emperor's table, but such returns. Charles X. returned to Holyrod, and Louis Philippe to the banks of the Seine, and the Emperor of Austria, expressed by the three remonstrant Courts, betrays a misgiving as to the stability of the Emperor's throne, and that the Emperor's lofty declamations as Kosuth's, and such visionary schemes as Mazzini's, were it not

for the un-soundness and unpopularity of their own position at home? But wherever revolution should happen to light, most assuredly this country will be once more the refuge of its victims. Providence, in surrounding its empire with the ocean, and in contributing to one people many races and many institutions, has formed us for an asylum, which some but barbarians will attempt to break, and which they will break to their own ruin. We are a nation of refugees. French, Flemings, and Germans have fled hither from the religious persecutions of their own countries. They who inherit such a refuge, and such a cause, will rather part with their lives than betray the sanctuary to which they owe their very existence.

But what is to be done? The case of refugees doing all that lies within the power of their own hands, to work on the elements of disaffection in their own country calls for some remark, and requires some consideration. If England is desired to make any comment on the fact, that comment is supplied from her own example. In the first place, her political institutions are such that she can hardly be said to have any fugitives abroad plotting her mischief. But, were there hundreds of fugitives from British justice now abroad, such as those from the Irish rebellion of '96, we should regard them with indifference, and without any course of political education and social improvement. It is at the mercy of any man, who would be content to be a traitor or visionary. If, in Austria, Prussia, and France will to disarm the refugee, let them resort to the same means. There is a very explosive state of things which can be kindled by so mere a spark as a letter from some confederate in their own lodgings at Camden-town, or at a restaurant in the small street next to Leicester-square. Proceeding in this manner, we may as well without arms, and without even any evidence that they have been written, by the persons whose names are cited, and without any paper, and need excite no concern, unless by the fault of the Governments against which they are aimed. They should tell some bitter truths. A really good Government would afford no protection to such a class of men. It would be our duty to make use of our organs to our own and to our country's advantage, and to say and do what they please, so long as they commit no open violation of our laws, and do not become the authors of any PROPOSAL ACTUAL INVASION. WE CANNOT PERMIT THIS COUNTRY TO BE MADE THE STABLE HOME OF REFUGEES FOR SLAVERY OR FOR CONQUEST. PROVE THE ENLIGHTENED MEN, THE PURCHASERS OF ARMS, OR THE PROPAGATORS OF SEDITION, AND A SERVICE, AND THE LAW WILL INTERFERE. BUT THERE WE STOP; not down the liberty of the subject, which is as much part of our constitution as the Throne itself, permit us to go further. The Powers that now threaten us must submit to the full force of their repeated demands, then, can have no other object than to put us in the wrong with their own people, or to buy our acquiescence on our institutions. But even in that they will not succeed. If Europe knows and respects the asylum of these men, it will not permit them.

There is a striking analogy between the Caffre War and the present rebellion in this Province. In both a lawless tribe of plunderers a great section, which they carry on against property and lawful order, and in both the difficulties of the contest, and its consequent prolongation arise, not so much from the numerical superiority of the assailants, as the facilities they enjoy of evading a general section, which they carry on in their favourite system of marauding spoliations. On the 20th December, however, Colonel Eyre and Napier, with a joint force of barely 800 men, gave a decisive check to the great Bannar tribe, that presented not less than 4,000 combatants on the second day, and compelled their chief, Moshesh, to sue for peace. The action lasted from day-break till 8 p.m. with a total loss on the part of Her Majesty's forces of 38 killed and 15 wounded, showing the superiority of science and discipline over the most numerous and personal dard. The enemy suffered severely, but no definite estimate could be formed of their loss. The following correspondence and Proclamation were the result:—

"December 21st, 1852.
"Your Excellency,—This day you have

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fought against my people, and taken much cattle. As the object for which you have taken to have a compensation for horses, I beg you will be satisfied with what you have taken. I treat peace from you; you have shown your power; you have chastised,—let be enough I pray you, and let me no longer be considered an enemy of the Queen. I will try all I can to keep my people in order in the future.

"Your humble servant,
"MOSHESH.
To which his Excellency returned the following reply:—

"Camp, Calcuta River,
"December 31st, 1852.
"Chief Moshesh, I have received your great objection, and of one who has the interests of his people at heart. But I care little for words; I judge of men by their actions. I told you that if you did not pay the fine, I must go and take it. I am a man who never breaks his word, otherwise the Queen would not have sent me here. I have taken the fine by force, and I am satisfied with it. I am not angry with your people for fighting in defence of their property; for those who fought, and fought well,—were all of them thieves, and I am sorry that many were killed. This is your fault; for if you had paid the fine, it would not have happened. I now desire not to consider you, but I consider you as an enemy of the Queen, but I cannot punish martial law in the Savage regular manner, and with the consent of the Resident, enter your country in search of plundered horses, and to exact my satisfaction after this time. And I expect you to assist them; for though you are a great chief, it seems that you either do not, or cannot, keep your own people from stealing; and because of the cattle you sent as part of your offering, were three others the property of Mr. Bain, of Brown Fonten, stolen since I was called the Calcuta River. Now, therefore, Chief Moshesh, I have your past obligations fulfilled, and hope that you will take some measures for preventing such acts in the future. In the meantime, as the Queen's representative, I subscribe myself

"Your obedient servant,
"GEO. CATHCART,
"Governor."

"PROCLAMATION.
"Whereas the Chief Moshesh, as the result of the battle of Bannar, has made full and humble submission, and sued for peace, which has been granted; and

"And whereas, although the said chief has evinced his desire to preserve the good understanding and unity with Her Majesty's Government, now happily restored, by proposing to do all in his power to keep his people in order, and to see that he is respected, that he will be able to restrain their lawless and lawless practices, and to prevent cattle-stealing for the future.

"And whereas, in my last reply to the said Chief, I expressed my intention of proclaiming martial law in order to restore the full powers of my commanding commands, which seem to have fallen into disuse; and whereas, upon further consideration, I have reason to believe that the course of proclaiming martial law might be misunderstood, and misapprehended, and excitement, and alarm, and that the object of the said law may be attained without the same; I have, in consequence thereof, I do hereby, by virtue of all the powers vested in me, provisionally and tentatively, until sufficient legal enactments may be framed with the same intent, order, command, and effect, as if the said commanding commands, and field-commissaries within the Orange River Territory, to be ready to enforce their respective duties, and to see that the said law, and for the protection, security, and recovery of their property in case of need.

"I do as the Queen's
"Given under my hand and seal, at my Camp, Platberg, this 23rd day of December, 1852.
"GEORGE CATHCART,
"Governor and High Commissioner.

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as since his arrival in the country I have been expecting a visit from him, which he has been in October last led me to expect.

"Governor, I told you in that letter that I hoped to meet you in peace, and I still hope as, as I look to you as the Great Chief in this part."
"Moshesh,—I hope so, too; for peace is like the rain that makes the grass grow, while war is like the wind which dries it up. You are right in making to me; that is in accordance with the treaties."
"Governor,—I will not now talk much, but wish to know whether you received my message yesterday, in which I made the demand of cattle and an apology. I have nothing to alter in that letter."

"Governor,—This you mean the letter I received from Mr. Owen? "
"Governor,—Yes."
"Governor,—I have seen the letter, but do not know where I shall get the cattle from. Am I to understand that the 10,000 head demanded are a fine imposed for the thefts committed by my people, in addition to the cattle stolen?"
"Governor,—I demand but 10,000 head, though your people have stolen many more, and I consider this a just award. It must be paid in three days."
"Moshesh,—Do the three days count from your going to-day?"
"Governor,—To-day is the first of the three."
"Moshesh,—The time is short, and the cattle many, will you not allow me six days to collect them?"
"Governor,—You had time given you when Major Hogge and Mr. Owen made you the first demand, and then promised to comply with you to go to-day."
"Moshesh,—But I was not quite full. Do you send the papers in the commissioner's hands when you allow me to go to-day?"
"Governor,—They do, but not half of the number demanded."
"Moshesh,—That is true, but I have not now control enough over my people to justice them to comply with the demand, however anxious I may be to do so."
"Governor,—If you are not able to collect them, I will give you more time, and I will do as much as I can to assist you, but I shall not be satisfied with 10,000 head, but shall take all I can get."
"Moshesh,—Do not talk of war, for however anxious I may be to avoid it, you know that a dog when he has once begun to bark, will not stop until he is dead."
"Governor,—It will, therefore, be better that you should give up the cattle than that I should be forced to kill them."

"Moshesh,—I wish for peace; but have the same difficulty with my people that you have with yours. I have no cattle to spare, empty, and I have thieves among my people."
"Governor,—I would, then, recommend you to catch the thieves and bring them to me, and I will hang them."
"Governor,—I do not wish you to hang them, but to talk to them and get them to do better. If you hang them they cannot talk. I would rather hang them than execute them. I have said that if you do not give up the cattle in three days, I must come and take them."
"Moshesh,—I beg of you not to talk of war."
"Governor,—I have no more to say; you must either leave this in peace in three days, or go to the law. I will give you an advice, and you can go and collect the cattle as quickly as possible."

"Do not talk of coming to Thabang Bosoga; for if you do, I shall lay blame on the horns from whom the cattle were stolen, and I will request to come and point out to me their exact number, and I will go to each and do my duty. I am not a commissioner, but a soldier. After leaving his Excellency's camp, but before returning home, Moshesh sent to request that this day on which the interview took place might be counted in the Queen's. This request his Excellency acceded to."

A prospectus has been issued of an undertaking, to be called the North Wales and London Steam Navigation Company, with a capital of £1,500,000, of £2 each. Its objects are to work coal mines and to carry on the coasting and inland trade (situated respectively on the banks of the Hunter, 15 miles from the sea, and on Lake Macassar, 20 miles from the coast of Java), and to carry on a coasting and inland colonial trade, by means of iron screw-steamer of large capacity, and of sailing vessels, which will also be applicable to the relief of burden in or out of port. The headquarters of the company are to be at Beaufort.

