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In the Intelligence numeroted 78 May 25, Aristarchus gave information that Nicholas was restored to power, adding at the same time that his power was only to be of short duration. The event hath verified that prediction: for the parties who had received the pecuniary Succour from Nicholas for the special purpose of getting him reinstated in power, very kindly eased him of his Money, but immediately made the whole transaction known to the Queen: the consequence is publicly known.

Franklyn had discovered that the Emperor and the King of Prussia are in secret upon a very confidential understanding one with the other: he hath also discovered that Prussia is internally in a very ^{weak} State of Defence, and by no means prepared for Offence: on this double ground, he advised the French Cabinet to get the majority in the British Senate (mentioned in N.º 80. May 31.) in order that if the Emperor King of Prussia should fall upon France, that Great Britain might not be at leisure to give the Courts of Vienna & Berlin any assistance, well knowing at the same time that Prussia could not.

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Aristarchus requested his Amanuensis to undertake a full answer to Mr. Burke's Plan of Reform, conceiving it would at this instant be a most essential Service to your Majesty.

The Amanuensis went to work upon this hint, & the enclosed pamphlet is the result of it. On Monday it will be made public. No person in the Kingdom, Aristarchus excepted, knows the Amanuensis to be the Author. Such passages in it as more immediately concern your Majesty's landed property, jurisdictions, prerogative, & royal State are scored off in red Ink. Copies will be privately transmitted in the evening to the principal Ministers of State.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly a letter or document fragment.]