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Mr Fox's letter

Mr Fox can not but feel very happy in
transmitting to your Majesty Sir James
Harris's dispatch received this evening.
Notwithstanding the levity of that court
with which your Majesty is so well
acquainted Mr Fox humbly submits to your
Majesty that it seems almost certain that
the Emperor will take some decisive step to
bring the Republic to reason, especially as
every thing that has since passed both here
and in Holland must when known at

Petersburgh, tend to confirm those favourable sentiments which appear in Sir James Harris's accounts. -

Mr Fox proposes, if it should meet with your Majesty's approbation, to write to Lord Mountbarnet tomorrow merely that his letters are received, as Mr Fox humbly submits to your Majesty that the answer to be sent to his Lordship may require some consideration.

St. James's ^m 13 past 11. P.M.

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Indoubtfully, the appearance in Russia are as favourable on the Dutch Affairs as the most sanguine mind could expect, and the levity of the Court alone gives distrust as to the final issue. I have also some fear that Mr. Grenville's Negotiation at Paris will cause some disgust as the joint Mediation at Vienna is one of Her favourite Projects.

The whole conduct of Sir J. Harris has been most able, and it is impossible for any one to deny that he has done all that could be wished; I trust Mr. Fox will by this night's post acknowledge the receipt of his Dispatches and give him the commendation he so justly deserves.

Lord Mount Stewart's letters certainly must be well considered before answered, and I should think time should be given to hear how the King of Sardinia's Minister states the Affair before an opinion is formed on the report of one side, and that of the person concerned.

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Hon. Secy of State
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May 21st 1952