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My dear Sir /

I observe in advertisements in the  
Statesman of last night announcing the <sup>intended</sup> publication  
of a work relative to the Loan attempted to be  
negotiated in France on 1700000000  
for A. D. Sp. the P. R. the D. of Y. & D. of G. It is  
unnecessary for me to state that such a work  
must produce a very powerful sensation if  
my information be correct as to the character  
of the Parties an attempt to compromise would only  
render the soil worse.

I have been long acquainted  
with all the circumstances relative to this affair  
from a Gentleman who was in France at the  
Time who is alone (in my humble opinion)  
able to justify their Royal Highnesses. I sent  
for him the moment I saw the paragraph &  
without dissenting in the slightest degree the paper

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I meant to pursue, he said with me that to attempt to suppress the work would be attended with the worst consequences & that the only plan is to leave the antidote ready to follow the poison by which the virus may fail entirely of its effect.

This communication is of course the most private & confidential whatever may be your commands relative to it I believe it is unnecessary to say that they will be sacredly lodged in my bosom - My wish my ambition is to prove by Deeds not words my attachment to the person of H.R.H. the P. in times of unexampled difficulty & danger

I have the honor to be

My Dear Sir

Yours most faithfully  
200. P

W. Pitt Rivers