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This state of my relations has of necessity, caused me to investigate the question & rendered me a little too familiar with the principles which are involved, as well as the incidents of the Rebellion. The entire misapprehension of the condition of our affairs by our friends in your country, is incomprehensible to me. Even in the late letter from yourself you speak of your "disapprobation of the policy of the war," as though the war had been made by the Government of the United States; instead of its being the active assault of the Rebel States upon the Government. At the time they declared the Union dissolved and collected troops & munitions of war, & fired upon a feeble garrison in one of the forts, & burned one of the principal Navy Yards because they were unable to take possession of it, they actually held the control of the Senate of the United States by votes, and had a powerful

not of your daily press only, but of your Quarterly & Monthly Reviews was not merely that of sympathy with the Rebellion but of most unjust and false calumniation of the entire Northern section, and the General Government. To you who lived apart from the scene of horror it was a mere question of opinion; & occupied with other things, your people could afford to postpone the consideration of the principle involved while you listened to the false representations of a venal press under the influence of money freely expended by the Rebel authorities. But to us who felt our nationality at stake; who knew the success of the Rebellion would be to establish a government which laid "Slavery as the Corner Stone of Civilization" and to render inevitable interminable war between the two nations proposed, the slaves of one seeking refuge constantly within the boundaries of the other;—