

Extracts of a letter from Miss Louisa Tyler to her Brother

Alton Towers Oct. 22nd

We arrived here last Thursday too late to dress for dinner, so I remained in my room till after dinner. The party in the house consisted of Lord Glenelg, two Roman Catholic Bishops, Mr and Mrs Phillips, Miss Clifford a cousin of Basamond and ourselves. Mr. Sykes a protestant clergy man, was there for the evening. Prosa / Mrs Strachey spoke to Lord Glenelg about Lord Palmerston and finding that he disapproved of his policy she told him that I knew the secret of it, and that she would introduce me. He said he would be most happy. That night I heard him and Mrs Phillips, neither of whom I knew owing to my late appearance, talking very ignorantly of the present state of affairs as to war &c. War with France they were condemning. I was dying to set them right, but refrained not being introduced. Their chat being ended, Prosa introduced me to Mrs Phillips. I found that he knew Mr Chap of Bladensburg, that he takes in the Univer, is a friend of one of the Editors, le Comte de Montalembert and sometimes writes for it, so forthwith I found myself en pays de connaissance. He had been telling Lord Glenelg of the delegates going to Paris. I lent him the papers I had with me, especially Mr. Fargello's speech - also to a Mr Pupin, an intimate of Lord Shrewsbury, and made quite a convert of the latter; they were all much struck with the pamphlets. Next morning I was introduced to Lord Glenelg and had two hours

serious conversation with him about the cause. I told him of Lord Palmerston's treason, of the Mr. G. Bartlett dealings with the abolitionists and government, last winter; of government's treacherous conduct, with regard to them at the Birmingham meeting; in fact, I gave him a resume' of what had passed. I then urged upon him the duty of investigating a subject, of such importance to the well being of his country, and also that, when from investigation one became convinced of treason on the part of the minister, it becomes a duty to make that treason known. He asked why the House did not take it up. I said the House as such was worthless, each man considering himself wedded to his party, would only act as his leader chose. I then urged upon him, what he a Statesman might do, and asked him if, when convinced of treason, he did not, boldly bring it forward in the proper quarters, he would not be guilty of misprision? He acquiesced, and the conversation ended by his promising me that he would study any papers I would send him, and that, when fully convinced he would bring the matter forward. He said the arguments and facts I had stated were very strong, but that I could not expect him to act, in such a weighty matter without careful investigation. Lord Glenelg is very anxious to have the documents. Towards the end of our conversation Mr. Sykes joined in in the most respectful way, and said he would like to consider the matter if I would be so good as to give him some information, so I gave him Mr. Monteith's Reasons for enquiring into Lord Palmerston's conduct. To Lord Glenelg I gave a copy of

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that, and all the other papers I had with me. — Saturday the
subject was resumed; Lord Palmerston's name was in every mouth,
a document, in every hand. They all disapproved of Lord Palmerston.
You cannot tell what a commotion Rosa and I made in the house.
But Sunday came and found poor me, dreadfully ill, and
obliged to send for the Doctor. Nothing could exceed Lady
Shrewsbury's kindness and attention. — It was rather a penance,
my talking on the affairs of the nation, as I thought, it rather
an unusual subject, in a young lady's mouth, but I was rewarded
for my petty martyrdom not only by the good I have been
the humble means of effecting, but also, to my astonishment,
by being considered quite a merveille, all the more agreeable
as it has the charm of novelty. I really spoke because I felt
it a duty, tho' a painful one to me.

Lord Glenelg sent his kindest regards to me and all sorts of
fine speeches when he left. Mr. Sykes, who is a friend of Lord
Lansdowne, sent me a note which I will show you, when
I see you.

