

To the Editor of the Spectator

Sir,

The Article superscribed „ Mistakes about Poland etc. etc. which You have published in Your valuable paper on the 2<sup>d</sup> instant, cannot be left unnoticed, not so much that he should deserve the honours of an answer, but because it is high time to enlighten public opinion and to prevent by these means that the unruly madness or bad faith of some individuals might not succeed in to weaken the sympathy which has been kindled in generous hearts of Englishmen by the heroism and devotedness the Polish nation has displayed in the defence of her national independence.

Moved by these Sentiments although I perceive very well the difficulties attending a polemic before a foreign public I still do not hesitate for a moment for the sake of my sacred fatherland, publicly to declare that all ~~these~~ the Speeches or Articles published that are marked by calumnious lies and subversive

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Subversive principles far from being the  
expression of the Sentiments of the Nation, are only  
the work of a certain number of individuals,  
to be found in all countries, who having taken  
as principle for themselves, that all means are  
good which forward their ends & with torches and  
daggers in hand, proclaim themselves the  
apostles of liberty, trample upon national honour  
as well as upon that of private individuals  
and in their criminal blindness pollute the  
sacred duties of hospitality in ~~most~~ mixing  
themselves into the affairs of Countries that have  
generously afforded them a secure asylum —  
No indeed the Polish Nation as well as all  
the Emigrants wishing to have in their re-  
spected Country a government based on true  
principles of the most extended civil and  
religious liberty, hating equally Anarchy  
as Despotism, instead of partaking and  
approving of all these anti-national pro-  
ceedings, do most decidedly condemn and  
desavour them, and see in them, if not

the effect of misguided enthusiasm,  
 the work of Russian policy, which acting  
 always on the principle of  
divide and impera

has tried successfully to bribe some unnatural  
 sons of Poland who having succeeded  
 artfully to seduce weak, credulous or ignorant  
 men, convert them into proselytes of their  
 criminal Creed, which they try to represent to  
 foreigners as the opinion of the whole nation,  
 and preaching discord amidst the Emigra-  
 tion abuse the liberty of the press for the purpose  
 of misrepresenting and calumniating all those  
 who may more or less efficiently cooperate to  
 the regeneration of Poland<sup>(\*)</sup>

As a Pole it is with grief and as  
 a Soldier it is with the sentiment of my sacred  
 duties towards my Country that I do resent  
 the unavoidable necessity to come to an issue  
 with this clique, which becomes daily,  
 more outrageous,

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(\*) the chief of this clique, the notorious Count  
 Gurovski, the most violent propagator of bloody  
 principles, is the only Pole who has received Nicholas  
 Pardon, and after having, as it seems fulfilled his  
 mission in the Emigration, returned to Russia where  
 he now quietly lives upon the earnings of his infamy

outrageous and tries to inflict heavier  
blows to the Polish Cause as if encouraged  
by the silence of those who dislike to  
bring before the foreign public, their internal  
dissentions.

It is really astonishing how a man  
who has pretensions to be a politician,  
cannot see that it is labour lost to  
misrepresent the Spirit of the Constitution  
of the 3<sup>d</sup> of May 1791 in England where  
an authority not less than that of Burke  
has written the following

In contemplating etc etc

And when a Pole represents Nicolas the  
tyrant and oppressor of his Country as a Philan-  
thropist, in the same time when Crastoryski,  
the virtuous patriot, whom the liberal Nicolas  
has sentenced to death, is to be a traitor  
to his Country then certainly he has himself  
explained, to the most uninformed, what  
they may think of all he said of Prince  
Radzyski and Lord Dudley Stuart in his  
article

Having given by the very insertion, in  
your paper some countenance to an article  
whose purport was to calumniate the Polish nation  
and a person known and respected by the whole  
of Europe, You hardly can refuse me the favor  
of inserting these few lines of Explanation  
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