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The announcement of the death of Lord Dudley Stuart has been received in every part of Poland with the most profound grief. His generous devotion to our cause and the indefatigable perseverance of his efforts have more than once called forth the expressions of our admiration and gratitude. Above all we rejoiced to find, in the bosom of a free and prosperous nation an advocate who shared our conviction that Providence, while permitting the present suffering of Poland in all she holds most dear, has a better destiny in store for her, and will not, eventually, tolerate



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the triumph of crime. To offer to the
memory of Lord Dudley Stuart a last and
solemn homage became the desire of
every Gole from the moment we learned
that we had lost this companion of our efforts
who, exerting himself beyond his strength,
had sacrificed life itself in our cause.

May the medal, which has become the
expression of our national gratitude,
contribute to awaken in every generous
heart sentiments similar to those which
animated our Friend and Champion, and
who may justly be held up as an example
to ourselves.

You, have generously come
forward on every occasion to support

the claims of Poland and to relieve the sufferings
of Poland's exiled sons, — often in answer to
the appeal of the late Lord Dudley Stuart, as
President of the Association of the Friends
of Poland. I flatter my self, therefore, that
you will understand the feeling which induces
me to offer for your acceptance the medal
which accompanies this. The inscription
it bears on the reverse is addressed to all who
understand and serve as far as lies in their
power, the cause of Poland which is that
of justice.

I am,

with much esteem

Your humble and
obedient servant

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