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My Dear Schlegel

I delayed my Answer to yours of last Month till I could form some probable Conjecture about the most favourable Time of publishing or lecturing in London. I think I may now confidently say that the Question of the East India Company must for the next Session give way to that of Parliamentary Reform . This latter Question so absorbs all Men's Minds as to stand very much in the Way of any Interest in other Matters.. It has in a great Measure suspended the general Activity of literary Undertakings - Nevertheless I see no [2] Reason why a Tract from such a Writer upon a Subject in itself very interesting should not command all the Attention which our present Temper will allow Nor am I at all certain that the present Interval of Parliament be not a^s good a Time for Publication as You can soon expect - For when Parliament meets either in December or January there will indeed be more Company here but there will also be Debates to engage their Attention. The general Indifference of our Public for all Suspects but one will doubtless be conquered by your Genius & your Fame but I must ^{not} conceal from You that it may [3] damp the Booksellers & render their Offers unworthy of your Merits - The Lectures would probably do best in the Spring

Twelve Lectures such as you describe delivered ~~might xxx~~ twice a Week might perhaps be attended at £ 3 Sters a Ticket by a number between 50 & 100 which to take an Average would produce more than £ 200 to which You might add by publishing them after Delivery

I need not say that I shall be most proud of your Publication being addressed to me or of promoting your Wishes on every Occasion as far as my limited Means allow

Most affectionate Remembrances from me & my Daughter to M & M^s de Broglie Farewell

Mackintosh

[4] Mem

Are there any Memoirs of French Embassadors in London ^{published} in the Reign of Queen Elisabeth (1558-1603) except Castelnau & Sully which I have - If there be any I should be desirous of them - & w^d pay on their Arrival to Treuttel & Wurtz. - Could M. de Broglie procure an intelligent Clerk in the Depot des Affaires Etrangeres to direct Copies to be made for me of important Passages in the Dispatches from London during the above Period which have not been hitherto published I sh^d gladly defray the Expense

Namen

Broglie, Achille-Léon-Victor de

Broglie, Albertine Ida Gustavine de

Castelnau, Michel de

Elisabeth I., England, Königin

Schlegel, August Wilhelm von

Sully, Maximilien de Béthune

Körperschaften

East India Company (London)

France. Ministère des affaires étrangères

Great Britain. Parliament

Treuttel & Würtz & Richter (London)

Orte

London

Werke

Castelnau, Michel de: Les Memoires de messire de Michel de Castelnau [...] (1621)

Reform Bill (1832)

Schlegel, August Wilhelm von: Vorlesungen

Schlegel, August Wilhelm von: Werke

Sully, Maximilien de Béthune: Memoires [...] (1767)

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