

In addition, it indicates a return to proper feeling, since it possesses the merit of being spontaneous, and of being inspired by interest in his family and by a sincere desire for exultation.

I venture to hope, M. le Ministre, that the repentance of which my unhappy son now gives a proof will create for him, at some future time, a claim on the indulgence of His Majesty the Emperor.

My youngest son, who signs this letter with me, shares all the sentiments which are expressed therein.

(Signed,) C. G. LAMIRANDE, *ex-Magistrate*.
C. S. LAMIRANDE.

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Lord Stanley to Earl Cowley.

FOREIGN OFFICE, March 29. 1867.

MY LORD.—Mr. Fane transmitted to me in his despatch of the 25th of February, two letters from M. Lamirande and from his family, withdrawing the application that the former had made, in his letter of the 11th of September last, for the interference of Her Majesty's Government to obtain his release as having been unduly given up to the French Government, under the Extradition Treaty of the 13th of February, 1815.

Mr. Fane further transmitted to me, in his despatch of the 3rd instant, the answer of the French Government to the application, which, by my instruction of the 12th of January last, he was instructed to make for the surrender of M. Lamirande.

Whatever exception Her Majesty's Government might, under other circumstances, have felt disposed to take to the statements made by M. de Moustier in this answer, with the view of controverting the grounds on which they rested their application, the request now made by M. Lamirande himself, and by his family, that the application should be withdrawn, would render it a matter of great difficulty on the part of Her Majesty's Government to pursue a controversy on the subject with the Government of the Emperor, since the person on whose behalf the controversy was commenced urgently entreats that it should be abandoned.

At the same time, however, Her Majesty's Government must guard themselves from appearing to acquiesce in the doctrine and principles on which the French Government justify their refusal to set M. Lamirande at liberty; and I have accordingly to instruct your Excellency, in acquainting M. de Moustier that Her Majesty's Government no longer insist upon their application for his release, to add, that their abstaining from doing so must not be construed into an admission on their part that there were not sufficient grounds for insisting upon it.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.