

tory. Or, once again, if we fall back on a third possible assumption, that the public mind of England was so ill-informed, mystified and confused on the subject as to be incapable of forming any distinct decision or taking action in the matter, this can scarcely be considered more creditable than the preceding.

A mistake, even a great mistake, may be utilized by a nation as well as by an individual, and become of much value. If it be clear that on a great occasion, England acted wrongly, or, through ignorance, did not know how to act, surely it will be well for her to see to it that on the next great occasion she is well informed of the circumstances, and strong enough to do what she, being well informed, reasonably believes it right for her to do.

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