

of a sum of money, (which he named.)—To you this is a trifle; to me it will rescue my wife and children from despair." The sum, though not considerable, was too much to give to a man who had no claims, and who did not even mention his name. M. de Straszewich hesitated a moment; but the next humanity overcame prudence, and he placed it in the hand of the supplicant. Upon the recent insurrection in Poland, M. de Straszewich took up arms in the cause of his country. This being lost, his estate was confiscated, and himself again in Paris, as a refugee. A few days ago a gentleman entered his lodgings, and asked him if he recollected his person.—M. Straszewich answered him in the negative, and the visitor then declared himself to be the person whom he had formerly saved from ruin, and said, "Thou may have forgotten that act of benevolence, I have not. I know your misfortunes, and am come to repay the money so kindly advanced, with interest;" at the same time placing upon the table a sum amounting to about double that which had been so generously advanced. The visitor then declared that he was M. L., at the head of a commercial house at Bordeaux, in great prosperity, which he owed intirely to M. Straszewich. M. L. then urged his benefactor to come and visit his family, who would receive him with open arms. M. Straszewich accepted the original sum advanced, but refused the interest, declaring that he could not make up his mind to derive any profit from money laid out under these circumstances. He expressed his acknowledgement for the invitation to Bordeaux, but declined it, resolved to maintain his independence.

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