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My dear Madam Norton

For the sake of all that you value
get into Congress. ^{If you} stand out for you
an course ~~and~~ Beaconsfield will have
all England at his back. He is
infinitely cunning and has outgeneralled
our diplomatists. I have just learnt
for certain that half the Liberal Party
in Parliament has deserted to the
Government, and there is no hope here
of any effective resistance. It

would have been far better for you if,
when the armistice was signed, you
had

called a Congress and invited
Europe at once to settle in a general
settlement. You would have had a
splendid moral position, and would
have gained more material advantages
than you can gain now without another
war. - Now can you have a decisive
war with England. - Or will rely on
American aid. - They will do enough
to exasperate England. - They cannot
permanently affect the situation. - So into
Congress run at the price of a surrender
of your honour proper. and you
will still see the greater part of the
results of your late earned victory.

But there will be war if you do not.
Beauregard has the subtlety of the Devil
and he has so twisted the situation
that your friends here are howlers.
He will win in time. In a Congress
England will be in a minority and
must submit to mortification. ~~as a~~
people with the whole world against her.
But as long as you hold out, Europe
and even America will suspect that
you have some object in view.

I tell you the truth and if you
have any influence either with the
Press or Moscow. or with the
politicians in St. Petersburg, ^{now is}
the time

for you to make use of it - I
know my Countrymen and I know
that this is the way to revenge
Germans on our treacherous and
Sinister Cabinet. - I have no more
and disinterested, and the English people will be generous too -

Pardon me for speaking freely.

But my earnest admiration for
Russia and my desire that the
spirit of the war may not be lost.
I hope also to qualify my words

Yours a Russian true friend

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If you make use of this letter, do
not let my name appear who is
you are mistaken in thinking you have been too
considering. Had you taken a stronger course there
would have been long ago

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