

BLACKER

Private

Portsmouth
Victoria Vancouver Island
11th Dec 1870

My dear Sir / I received long ago
the proof you sent to me with the
annotation of Mons Surtet, and I
had prepared some time ago the remarks
which accompany this, and which
I now place at your disposal.

The reason of my delay in sending
has been partly the uncertainty of whether
you wished or expected me to make
any rejoinder: and again I waited
to see, in the next issue of your work,
if any allusion for my guidance
might appear. Up to the 10th Part,
however (Feb 1870) I observe no
reference to my paper, and I was at
a loss to know whether you intended
it to appear, or not. Since the
10th Part I have received no further
issue, which I have looked forward
anxiously, mail after mail, to
receive

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Receive a continuation of your
interesting and valuable labors.

I have thought it possible that
the fearful war in progress might
have prevented your proceeding, by the
interruption of communication with
Paris; and again that possibly a
subsequent Part might have miscarried,
in which case I should beg the favor
of a duplicate from the publishers.

I have all the Issues up to, and
inclusive of, Part 10, but none
beyond - though it is possible that
another issue may be on the way
and not yet due. A reference to
dates in this case, allowing about
a month or 5 weeks for transit,
would enable you to judge as to this.

Albeit, I have decided on
sending you my paper, leaving you
to judge as to its disposition. I avail
myself of the kindness of the Colonial
Secretary, who has undertaken to
forward the packet with the Govt.

Despatches, through the Colonial
Office in London. I shall
however advise you again shortly
by post, so that in the event
of any possible neglect in
forwarding that you may make
the necessary enquiries. Of course
a paper of this kind involves
some little labor, and one does
not like to contemplate the
possibility of its going astray.

For this reason I should be glad if
you would write me a few lines to
acknowledge the receipt; and at
the same time perhaps favor me
with a hint as to how you view
the general tenor of my remarks,
and the bold speculations I have
indulged in. Meanwhile, writing
in haste, I remain

Very sincerely

Faithfully yours

Alex. J. Anderson

P.S. The copy of the drawing made
by my daughter is not very well
executed, but will convey the idea