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Washington

Dear Sir,

I have only time to hint to  
you that, beyond question,  
England and France, in concert, con-  
sider us weak, namely, as follow:

- 1 Northern and Southern prejudices
- 2 Abolition agitation at the North
- 3 Seseption retaliation at the South
- 4 The Indians and Mormons on our West.
- 5 Canada and our runaway negroes there
- 6 Our own Slaves and negroes
- 7 The attitude of free-negroism in the West Indies.
- 8 The incipient position of things towards us in  
Cuba and in Porto Rico.
9. The incipient position towards us of the old  
Kingdom of Guatimala & of Yucatan.

Some Instances:-

- 1 The English in Haiti, rejoiced when their own negroes  
were emancipated.
- 2 The creation of Negro Soldiers in the English Islands  
and in Canada.

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- 3 The correspondence of the British Consulate at Charleston with the state authorities of South Carolina.
- 4 The Emancipation now going on in Cuba not Porto Rico.
- 5 The undoubtedly intended Africanization of Central America.
- 6 The visits of British abolitionists
- 7 The Mr Stone excitement.

Our counter policy.

- 1 Self preservation warns us to obtain at once possession of Porto Rico and Cuba and abide the consequences.
- 2 A plump avowal of the rights of Honduras and Nicaragua - and Mexico of Yucatan.

Archbishop Hughes who is in Cuba - may perhaps be made useful. Show him well, and his well known hostility to England.

Shave not time to state these things properly. But let be true that those Clapper who govern England - are not the Master of the people there - i.e. its people - are sustained by its Status quo - I mean its fund incomes, the rents based upon its trade

manufactures and agriculture, — together with the salaries paid to its administrators in church and State —

Now may understand the feeling such a governing class feels towards a nation, whose constant example tends to destroy the means and pecuniary resources, by which those classes are sustained and supported.

I premise this, to try to show the annus of the Government of England towards us, for our political and commercial example.

The emancipation policy of England is in deadly hostility to our actual political and social existence and Union, and I would face her at once and tell her so, and fight it out.

May God give you wisdom to see, and courage to contend successfully with the tendency of this policy. What France or Spain have done or may do, constitute part and parcel of this deadly policy.

This a struggle, namely, between Class Government, and the Government of the Masses.

The liberation of the English Slaves, was rejoiced over in Haiti (where I was as US Commercial agent at the time) as a blow at us.

The next step was the formation of negro soldiers.

Then abolition agitation in our own country.

The Asylum of Negroes in Canada.

The French abolition

And now the liberty of the emancipados of Cuba  
not Porto Rico,

Next will come Cuban Apprenticeship and

Then, or perhaps at once,

The creation of Negro soldiers in —

Cuba

Porto Rico

Central America!

The old ideas regarding Central America and Mosquito are revisited upon to gain room for operations there, and it was very likely the intention of England, to meet us, in boundary at Tehuantepec and hold Yucatan and two other Mexican states and all Guatemala, i.e., Central America, with a view to Africanize the whole, as a barrier to our progress in that direction.

I feel all this so earnestly I cannot state  
myself as well as I could wish to do,  
but if I can be useful I am ready to  
do so at every hazard any any where  
if deemed worthy I remain

Most respectfully

Yours truly

William Wells.

W.B.

I have written the substance  
of this today to Mr. Marcy.