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Bordeaux.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 19th with its highly interesting enclosure, reached me yesterday. I have no doubt, that it proved a highly instructive Sabbath lesson, to M. M. Baron & Baronne de Brault." We have reason to congratulate ourselves, that your wound, (which we deeply regret to know is painful) in no way tarnishes, or interferes with, a brilliant intellect, and a vigorous will, exercised in our behalf.

You will not be surprised to learn, that our friends, have not retired from the conflict. "The Count," not a modern "Bayard", sought an asylum, in the susceptibilities of the young lady, and tried with more or less success, interviews with her, in her Fathers extensive grounds. Further, he appealed for aid to his Parish Priest; to the Mayor of Bordeaux, and to a General in the Ministry of War in Paris. I send you translations of four documents sent to me. A. is from the Consulate here, and comparing it with your information, I have no hesitation in saying, that it is at least misleading. Anyway it is not in conformity with the "Acte de Naissance", as certified by you. It is issued for a Count D. de Nolet, whose Birth Registry does not prove him to be such. The other documents B: C: and D: speak for themselves.

Mr. Nevins got rid of the Count, Summarily, and relies on you, and me, to get rid also of all claims of his Family, to have any further Correspondence on the subject.

The Certificates C: and D, are strong, but as to C, a Priest is well known to err, on the charitable side, and therefore, his character is not acceptable. [redacted] is not evidence. It is general, or abstract, and cannot weigh with the "Acte de Naissance". I have frequently asked for this latter, but it has never been produced. Today acting on instructions (founded on your information) I wrote to the Counts Solicitor, desiring that all Correspondence may cease, and I

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hope this will end what, to you, me, and all parties was a very disagreeable affair.

Before I mind up, I may add, one or two interesting facts. This is the third Family in Dublin, at whose heads this Count has been thrown, by the "Marquise de Brault". She introduced him to the Bishop assistant of Dublin, whose niece has a Fortune of £60,000. The Bishop did not see it. He then proposed for the hand of a young lady, whose Dot is £30,000, and whom we all know here. She also failed, but the Marquise utterly denies all these matters, as ignorant that they are very Common Public fact, and property.

With very good wishes, for your good health, and many thanks.

I am,
My Dear Sir,
Sincerely Yours.

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