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| Pegwell Bay
Ramsgate
4th July 1871

My dear Sir,

I am leaving for Matlock Derbyshire but shall return in about a Fortnight when I shall hasten to pay my respects.

I am quite sure that Thiers^a speculation for a fall was entered into whilst he was Minister for Foreign Affairs; and, when he was suddenly replaced without warning, he hastened to close his account with great loss.

I suspect that he was unable to pay the loss and thence the affair became known.

I will ascertain, if possible, the name of his Broker but after 31 years that may be difficult; and, if ascertained, he is probably dead or retired from business.

| I am informed that no more executions will take place, which seems probable in itself and I have the extraordinary information that the success of the Loon has given birth to insane prospects of an early renewal of the war.

For myself, I am full of hope in the early future.

Faithfully and Fraternally
Thos Allsop

I know nothing of **Lucraft**^b, but I am inclined to the conclusion that, having been exposed to the new social influences of Peers, Priests and profit mongers, he may have been found wanting. Of **George Odger**^c I have had & still have a high opinion and regret his retirement, from whatever cause. Still a great cause like this, the cause of human redemption can well spare all hesitating and doubtful adherents.

Socialism or Communism is the aspiration of the age and differences as to the means are of little consequence when the event sought(?)^d unites myriads.

The **address**^e is an admirable paper; the only doubting remark I have heard is as to its length—that a little compression would have been better. | I have read anew the address and find no surplusage. It is an able and exhaustive Paper. Still if a resumè or synopsis could be furnished for a penny it would serve the great cause of human redemption. Thoughtful readers should however be urged to read the full address.

Writers like that in the **Pall Mall**^f, pet a doctrine whilst it is obscure, and denounce what they term its excesses, when it falls into the hands of earnest and devoted men. Everything has its use; men like this are useful to open a door for good men to pass through.

Matlock Bridge
Derbyshire
till the 16th July

Erläuterungen

- a) Thiers, Adolphe (1797-1877)
- b) Lucraft, Benjamin (1809-1897)
- c) Odger, George (1820-1877)
- d) andere Lesung: end fought?
- e) [Zotero Link für: address](#)
- f) The Pall Mall Gazette

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