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Dear Rankine,

I read your
Ms. to mamma last evening.
We think the article very
well written; but you have
too much a too successfully
imitated the style of your
college lectures which gives
a heavy air. The early
part especially needs some
lightening up which might
perhaps be given if you
incidentally refer to the
good points and progressive
movements of John Bull
or even to his wrong ones
the Irish question.

A good point of which
more might be made is the
importance of English command

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of the sea in keeping the
peace of Europe, and another
is the capacity of
the colonies and India
to do for themselves & send
England so down. This
immense emphasis the im-
portance and feasibility of
meeting them now.

I have spoken of the
Dagat as suitable to Sam
Fineman in Chicago. I take
this back and think
that England is the proper
place and that with such
changes as above suggested
you could find a publisher
in England.

I suppose you would be
too busy to do anything with
it in your present tour, but
when you come here you might
attend to it in Spring. It will
be suitable reading for next summer
if you can get it out.

W.D.