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| EUROPE AND RUSSIA. <br> by the abse de pradt. <br> The Abbe de Pradt, the Nestor of politicians, nd the most indefatigable writer of the present <br> and the most inderaigabe writer or whe present <br> the, Permanent System of E tia, and of Eastern Affairs." <br> As the opinion of the learned Abbe has con- <br> Aiderable weight on the Continent of Europe, <br> the ci-derant Archishop of Necklin being, sup- <br> we have made the following extracts from the <br> pamphite: "Situated at a distance from Russia, France <br> is entirely independent of her, and nearly as much so as England; but she is like the later, in- <br> terested in general liberty; and, indeed, in our <br> civilized sociecues, unitided to each other ina thou <br> dependence, and, as it were, an insular one, which, being sufficient for individual liberty <br> would put a stop to all influence and all connex- <br> ion abroad? These cases do not suit this state of societies, corresponding and analogous feelings musst be met with. Of what use would liberty be <br> when only met with slaves? We must hold com- murication with each oher ; to propose to iso- <br> lato oneself, to leave the strong, to take advan- tage of the weak, is proposing a social anachro <br> nism, and this no longer belongs to our times. - <br> The French. Ministry has carcfully avoided the <br> situation: it has asked for means to assist Europe in case of need, and in this it has done well; it <br> has shown itself to have foresight, and to be Eu- <br> ropean; it has much better understood and ser- ved France and Europe than its opponents have <br> It is not enough to speak of glory, of nawe must support these fine words by realities.- <br> France, upon this occasion, bas made an hoto- rable commencement in the name of Europe; <br> she has prepared arms for common assistance.- <br> In her situation no ambitious projects can be as- cribed to her. She returns, with respect to Rus- <br> sia, in favour of Europe, to the grand part she <br> has been playing against Austria, in avour of Gormany. This thought is far superior to that <br> which has been expressed before the French De- puties, sometimes even in a harsh manner. So <br> much the better, has it beensaid, that the Russian <br> colossus should take a direction towards the oust. Well, but who has told you that this torrent will <br> not move back again towards the north and the <br> west; that, after having entarged itself and nc- quired strength towards the east, it will not fall <br> with renewed weight upon the western nations? Let Rome take the road of Gaul or Africa, it <br> was said at the court of Syria, so much the bet- <br> ter; she departs from us. But when Carthage and Numantium had fallen, could the road to An- <br> tioch be taken? So much the better, said jea- <br> lous Etolia, Rome falls upon Perseus; the latter being overcome, what becomes of Etolia? It is <br> iust the same. in this case, either to defend one- <br> ture, the whole diplomatic science of Europe. - Friends at Breda, brothershere,' said Sir W. <br> Temple at the Hague, to the Grand Pcnsioner De Witt, suiting his language to the inierests <br> We Witt, suiting his language io the mierests which required that the connexior between Earg- <br> land and Holland should be strengihened. The <br> same thang musi be done here: Russinn greatness his peopled Europe with brothers interested in <br> the same cause, and necessity has done what the greatest diplomatic dexterity would not thave <br> been able to accomplish. Far from us, <br> that political hatred be, which does not permit us <br> companiment of envious, depreciating, and re- <br> proachful expressions. We only thin $k$ of the <br> she may have done us. Have we not also done <br> her a great deal of harm, and of what use will the time be that is spent in this routiniere hostility? <br> What advantage would common danger derive <br> from the recollection of the wrongs of Austria? <br> Let her get out of it, has been said, since she svould have it so. Sobieski did not ask if Aus- <br> tria had never offended Poland; he did not in- <br> quire whether Leopold would be grateful or not; he saw the danger, he marched straight to Vien- <br> na, and from within her walls he saved Germany. <br> has been said, must be isolated, and to employ <br> the language of the times, it has been stated: - Let us place ourselves on the ground of the <br> 'Let us place ourselves on the ground of the Charta-let us enter into the Charta-do not <br> let us go from the Charta.' Respect, fideliyy, and success to our institutions, nothing can be <br> better, but the Charta will not save Constantino- <br> ple, nor Greece, nor Europe: the Charta will give us much without doubt, but it will not take <br> give us much without doubt, but it will not take from Russia an inch of ground that she may wish <br> Well, this is what we must obviate, and against <br> which we must prepare ourselves. $* * *$ $* *$ Since these six years that we com- <br> menced writing on the affairs of Greece, we have not ceased announcing the certainty of war <br> between Russia and Turkey, in spite of the per- severance and the efforts of Cabinets to prevent <br> it. The treaty of Ackermann never appeared |  |
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