

Boston 18 Winter Street

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to John, King of Saxony

Your Majesty will I trust

deem it a pardonable officiousness
that I enclose for your perusal
an extract from a newspaper of wide
influence published in New York.

I have read somewhere that it is
not easy for kings to hear the truth
and that 'audi alteram partem'
does not always pertain to them: and
as I imagine it might interest you
to know the opinions, openly expressed,
of one of the leading thinkers of the
United States - probably the next
coming Governor of Massachusetts,
for which office he is candidate -
it seems to me that I may count
upon a gracious reception for this
intrusion upon your thoughts.

In a brief interview which I was

permitted to have with your Majesty
some twenty years ago, at the palace
in Dresden, a few sad words that fell
from your lips in relation to the con-
dition of Germany left the deepest
and most grave impression upon
my mind. Your words have been
verified and I have often had occa-
sion to wonder at the sagacity which
amid the seclusion and abstraction
of sacred studies could see with so
clear an eye the 'roughest day' which
'time and the hour' were doomed
to bring about.

Your Majesty's great work
is ever on the table before me.

Forgive me if the constant sight
of your book may have led me
into an undue familiarity in
thus addressing you.

With highest veneration
I remain
Your Majesty's
distant admirer and servant
F. W. Parsons.