

advantage; it would only deprive them of the countenance and moral support of other nations. The Emperor replied that he must frankly say, when the Insurrection broke out, and this concession of belligerent rights was made, he did not suppose the North would succeed; that it was the general belief of Statesmen in Europe that the two sections would never come together again. This belief he intimated, was a principal reason why this concession of belligerent rights was then granted. He said now, it was a large country and for that reason difficult to subdue. I told him (as I had before told