

“ de Montmollin is very well pleased with his
“ laconic manner of expression. It is always
“ easy to reply to an argument with a jest.

“ *As to the remark of Theodore Beza,*
“ *he would never have said otherwise, if the*
“ *Christian faith had not been entirely supported*
“ *by miracles.* Take care, Mr Professor; ei-
“ ther you do not understand Latin, or you are
“ a bad man. This passage, *Non satis tuta fi-*
“ *des eorum qui miraculis nituntur,* doth not
“ signify, as you pretend, *that the Christian*
“ *faith is not supported by miracles alone.* On
“ the contrary, the meaning is, *the faith of him*
“ *who relies on miracles, is not of much solidity.*
“ This sense is very applicable to that passage
“ in St John, on which he comments, where it
“ is said, *That many believed in Jesus on ac-*
“ *count of his miracles; but he did not trust them*
“ *with his person, because he knew them well.*
“ Do you think he would put more confidence
“ at this time in those who make so great a
“ noise about the same faith?

“ *Would not every one believe they heard Mr.*
“ *Rousseau say, in his letter to the Archbishop*
“ *of Paris, that they ought to erect statues to*
“ *his memory for writing his Emilius?* Ob-
“ serve, he says this at a time when he is pinch-
“ ed by the comparision of *Emilius* and the *Let-*
“ *ters from the Mountains*; M. de Montmollin
“ cannot tell how to escape, and so he brings
“ himself off by cutting a caper. If we were
“ to follow him through all his extravagancies,
“ if I were to examine the weight of his ar-
“ guments, and analyse his extraordinary rea-
“ sonings, I should never have done, and I must
“ hasten to the end. At the conclusion of all,
“ he

“ he values himself much on having his name
 “ made use of. I cannot see how that is an oc-
 “ cation of boasting; for when a man has ta-
 “ ken such a part in affairs as he has done, he
 “ may well be ashamed of owning himself.

“ As to you, Sir, who have, in regard to
 “ him, preserved that anonymous character
 “ with which he now reproaches you; pray
 “ own yourself, since he would have it so: re-
 “ ceive that praise of honest men, which is your
 “ due. Shew them openly the worthy advocate
 “ of a just cause, the historian of truth, the
 “ apologist for the rights of the oppressed, of
 “ the Prince, of the state, and people, all in-
 “ vaded by him in my person. My defenders,
 “ my protectors, are known; let him, in his
 “ turn, shew his anonymous author, and all his
 “ abettors in this affair: he has named already
 “ two of them, let him name all the rest. He
 “ has done me much injury, he would do me
 “ a great deal more; let all the world know
 “ his friends and mine, and I desire no other
 “ revenge.

“ Accept, Sir, my best respects, &c.

“ J. J. ROUSSEAU.”

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