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Considerations on the French Re-
-volution. by Mme. De Stael. 3 vols.

Prejudice & eloquence very com-

-monly go hand in hand; for-

-asmuch as intensity of feeling &

vivacity of imagination, those con-

-comitants of elegance, are not

favorable to the coolness of

[^]unbiased [sic] [^] reflection, the absence of which

begettest prejudice. However

this may be, Mme. de Stael's "Con-

-siderations' are amazingly

eloquent & wonderfully pre-

-judiced. We think too much

of the Exile¹ as we read her ani=

-madversions on Napoleon, &

too little of the Philosopher.

Place De Stael versus Las Cases,

& it will be hard to say

where enthusiastic attachment

& where enthusiastic prejudice

should have their barriers.

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¹ EBB's "x" is not always easy to catch, but considering the context I'm quite certain this is right.

The poor Emperor Alexander has
a ‘thick & thin advocate’ in the
daughter of M. Necker² whether
[i-w:] [^]consistently[^] or not I abstain from
saying. It is my opinion that
the latter chapter of this work
on the subject of the English
Constitution & the Love of Liberty
are more strikingly eloquent
than the prior ones. Indeed
in the detail of facts ^by which these ^prior ones[^] are occupied[^] there is
less room for oratorical dis-
-play. This work, as a whole,
is a very masterly work – written
with freedom both of style &
sentiment – & Its writer is en-
-dowed with the masculine
faculty of being comprehensive.

² Madame de Stael’s father, Jacques Necker.