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LETTER OF MARK TO DANIELSON, 4/10/1879

(though dated the same as the one in English Selected Correspondence, this one has been unpublished so far as I know & is translated from Russian) on second thought it must be same letter but much out since what I translate is not there)

"... First of all I would under no circumstances consent to publish the second volume before the present English industrial crisis has reached its limit. Its appearance this time is very special and in many respects very different from those observed in the past. This singularity, in relation to other changing circumstances, is easily explained by this that never yet have such terrible and lengthy crises (dragging on almost five years already) in the United States South America, Germany Austria, etc. preceded an English crisis.

"Therefore it is necessary scrupulously to follow the present development of events to their full maturity before you are in a position "to utilize" these facts "productively", I mean "theoretically".

"... And meanwhile--strikes and disturbances reign everywhere....

"... a tremendous mass of material received by me not only from Russia but also from the United States etc. gives me a pleasant "excuse" to continue my research instead of definitively working over for publication.

"... my doctor warns me, demanding that I significantly cut my "working day"....

(It's note: from here the part on railroads, etc. ending with "The United States at present have overtaken England in the rapidity of economical progress, though they lag still behind in the extent of acquired wealth; but at the same time the masses are quicker, and have greater political means in their hands to resent the form of a progress accomplished at their expense. I need not prolong antitheses."