

Trent Affair

Lincoln gained immeasurably
by it in my opinion. John Stuart Mill
in Fraser's Feb. 1862 says: -

"If reparation were made at all
of which few of us felt more than
a hope". He thought that it would
be made obviously as a concession
to prudence, not to principle. He
thought that there would have been
trickling to the newspaper editors
and supposed fire-eaters who
were crying out for retaining
the picketers at all hazards.
- He expected that the allotment
of allotment there were, would
have been made with reservations
perhaps under protest. He expected
that the correspondence would
have been ^{blown} out, and a
mistake made to induce England
to be satisfied with less; or
that there would have been a
proposal of arbitration; or that
England would have been asked
to make concessions in return
for justice; or that if submission

J. S. Mill on Trent

was made, it would have been
made ostensibly to the opinions &
wishes of Continental Europe. He
expected everything in short which
would have been weak, and
timid, and paltry. The only thing
which no one seemed to expect
is what has actually happened.
Mr Lincoln's government have
done none of these things. Like
honest men they have said in
direct terms, that our demand
was right; that they yielded not
because it was just; that if they
themselves had received the same
treatment they would have de-
manded the same reparation;
and if what seemed to be the
American side of the question
was not the just side, they
would be on the side of justice
happy as they were to find after
their resolution had been taken
that it was also the side which
America had formerly defended.
Is there any one capable of a
moral judgment or feeling who
will say that his opinion of

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America and American statements
is not raised by such an act, done
on such grounds? #

This might be used as
foot-note. If so the next
should be added.

2d. p 245.

"Secession may be laudable, and so
may any other kind of disunion, but
it may also be an enormous crime.
It is the one or the other according to
the object & the provocation."

Fraser 1862. 3 articles by a
White Republican defending
the Southern position.

2d. 1863. April 1863. American
Rev. & Civil War. Having anti-
slavery military war
missionaries refugee in London -
strongly sympathetic with so