# DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE CHANNEL

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649437665

Democracy Across the Channel by A. Gallenga

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

### A. GALLENGA

# DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE CHANNEL



# DEMOCRACY

## ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

BY

#### A. GALLENGA.

#### Zondon :

CHAPMAN & HALL, LIMITED, 11, HENRIETTA STREET, COVENT GARDEN, W.C. 1983.

232 . 1.304



CHARLES DICKERS AND EVANS. CRESTAL PALACE PERSS

#### PREFACE.

LOOK on this picture, and on that! I have endeavoured in these few pages to show the condition to which France and other Continental countries have been brought by Democracy run mad.

I have exhibited by contrast the state of things to which England has been for centuries indebted to Aristocratic Government.

I see now the danger of Continental Democracy crossing the Channel.

And I should be happy if words of mine, prompted by many years' experience of this and other lands, would convey a warning to those who seem too sure that "things are better managed on the other side of the water."

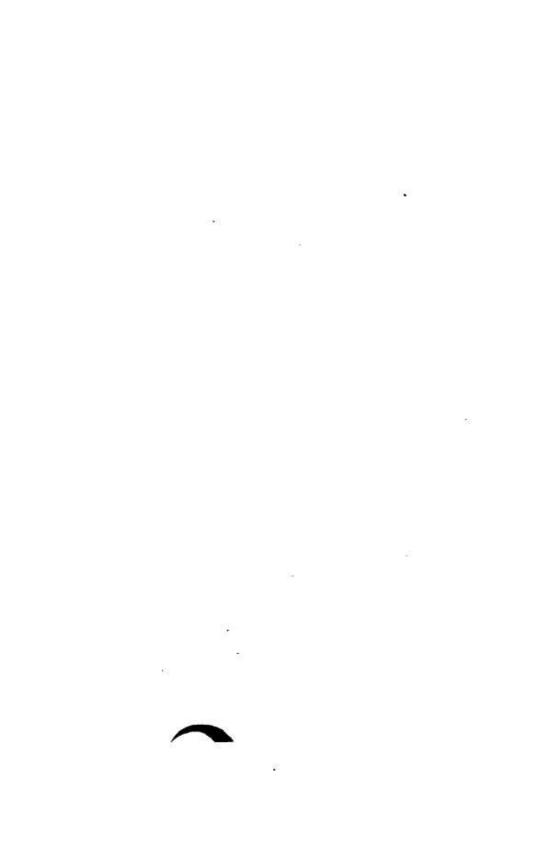
A. G.

THE FALLS, LLANDOGO, MONMOUTHSHIRE, February, 1883.



#### CONTENTS.

xxvii.-Sources of Wealth in Rights of Property. m.-Personal Rights. France. xxviii.-Uses of Wealth in III.—English and French Laws of Inheritance. America. Feudal Government. xxxx.-Causes of Poverty in v.-Ascendency of Landed Italy. Property. and Small xxx.—Large VI.-English Aristocracy. Estates. VII.-French Democracy. xxx.-Italian Emigration. viii.-Republicanism. xxxII.-Celibacy in Italy. IX.-Levelling. XXXIII.—Italian Statesmon. x .- Aristocracy. xxxiv.-Italian Administra-XI.—Primogeniture. tion. xn.—French and English xxxv.-Condition of Spain. Families. XXXVI.—Recent Spanish Hisxm.-English Class Distinctory. tions. XXXVII.-Spanish Statesmen. xiv.-The Rule of the Best. XXXVIIL-Recent English Hisxv.-Government in the tory. Worst Hands. xxxx.-English Reforms. xvi.—Downward Tendencies. xL.-Demogratic Tendenxvii.—Popular Education. xviii.—Wealth and Worth. XLL-Extension of the XIX.—The Costs of Political Franchise. Life in England. XIII.-Free Trade. xx.-The Emoluments in France. xLIII.-Labour and Capital. xxr.-Condition of Italy. xuv.—Agrarianism. xxv.-Ireland. XXII.-Italian Taxation. XXIII.—Legal Spoliation. XLVI.-Old English Country xxiv.—Imperial Communism. Life. xLVII.—Ascendencyof Shoddy xxv.—Town and Country. xxvi.—Religion and Politics. Interests.



#### DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

I.

#### WHAT is Property?

The question is readily answered by him who has none.

"La propriété c'est le vol," said the Frenchman; and he sent the "aristocrate," as the thief, "à la lanterne."

No doubt some of the colossal fortunes in this world sprang from questionable sources. There have been thieves at all times: warrior thieves; merchant thieves; lawyer thieves. Can we hang them all? Shall we call every man to account, and award to every man his due?

"By no means necessary," answers modern