

never had been made to him, and that even if it
was made, he would not ^{have} ~~in any way~~ ~~a way~~ ever
accepted it.

I am very sorry that you have changed places
as to your country in this part of Europe, ~~though~~ ~~though~~
of course I ~~was~~ ~~certain~~ you would but I am glad on
the other hand that you have succeeded ^{to get} such an appoin-
tment as that of private secretary in St. Petersburg.
I have read in the papers that Mr. Bryce has been
appointed to a higher post than that of Foreign
Secretary, and I suppose this is the reason that
what you wrote to me a few months ago told me
last year of ^{concerning your prospects} securing his private secretary has not happened.
~~It seems~~ I understand from the papers again that ~~the~~
~~Rosenberg~~ Mr. Bryce still will have some influence in
the Foreign Office. I am following with deep interest
the noble uncertainty of Mr. Gladstone to do justice
to Ireland, and I wish him and the Liberal party
^{every} ~~great~~ success. It is indeed wonderful that a man of his
age should still so possess his mental and moral powers
as to be able

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