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Abstracts

RICCARDO PICCIONI, «Gli uffici del governo e il diritto individuale». Marco Minghetti in un dialogo epistolare sul liberalismo (1854)

The letters exchanged in 1854 with his friend Matteo Pedrini gave rise to a lively discussion in which Marco Minghetti (1818-1886), future President of the Council and several times Minister in United Kingdom of Italy, clarified some of his political thought. The subject of discussion, centred on the relationship between public power and individual freedom, was the nature and fundamental principles of liberalism.

Contrary to the ideas of his friend, who wanted to keep the government involved in freedom of the press, education and religion, Minghetti had the opportunity to spell out his genuinely liberal ideas, which were based on the absolute priority of rights individual; the distrust of any public power with no well-defined legal barriers; on the role of temporary subrogation of the state in the absence of mature and dynamic civil society; on the promotion and protection of religious freedom not only as a freedom of conscience, but also as a freedom of worship.

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