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Cameron should fight for restoration of British sovereignty

Sir – It is a bit rich of David Cameron to pretend that he believes in our national sovereignty (Comment, January 15). The German government has calculated that 80 per cent of all their national law since 1998 has been imposed by the EU. It will be the same sort of figure here, although the British Government has so far only admitted that the majority of law affecting our business "originates in Brussels".

So it is safe to assume that most of our national law is now proposed in secret by the unelected European Commission, negotiated in secret by the shadowy and unelected Committee of Permanent Representatives from the member states and decided in secret by the Council of Ministers, where Britain is reduced to some eight per cent of the votes. The resulting laws are then executed by the Commission and supported by the EU Parliament and Luxembourg Court if necessary.

The House of Commons is irrelevant in this process, which cannot be changed while we stay in the EU. Nor can we "restore our opt-out from the social chapter" as Mr Cameron promises. Yet surely the heart of our sovereignty, our democracy, our self-government, is the hard-earned right of the British people to elect and dismiss those who make their laws. So which is it to be? Stay in the EU and abandon our sovereignty for good, or leave and restore it where it belongs: with the British people and Parliament.

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