

home! Let us show to those who may cherish in their breasts designs inimical to the laws and constitution of the realm, that we have hearts resolved and hands prepared to put down treason whenever and wherever it rears its guilty head! —Let us prove to those who may chance to fancy that the power of England is on the wane, or that the spirit of her sons is extinct, that the British lion slumbered, but was not dead! Let not doubt, with its palsying breath, come across the councils of the state at this momentous crisis! There are moments in the existence of states—and the present is most assuredly one—when to hesitate is to perish! Let not posterity hear that in the first year of the reign of our youthful Queen; ere the sound of the acclamations that hailed her accession had died upon the ear; her crown was stripped of one of its brightest jewels through the apathy or folly of her counsellors!

Our exertions must be upon a scale commensurate with the greatness of our empire, and the reputation we have hitherto enjoyed. The very brilliancy of our former glory would only render