

and become a second-rate Power? We think not; we trust not; and if she has hitherto neglected this vital question, we may console ourselves at least with the hope, that ere long, when a new Parliament shall have infused fresh wisdom into the councils of the nation, and our statesmen, instead of wrangling over the dry bones of worn-out party politics, have been compelled to consider the matter more seriously and bring before the nation the pressing exigencies of the case, England will meet them with her accustomed energy.

I have done my best to warn her; the above scheme has occupied the whole of my time and attention for some years, and is now the object of my journey to England; and if crowned with success, I shall regret neither the time nor the expense, nor the many annoyances I have had to encounter in trying to forward it.

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