

happy hours in your society, and partaken largely of your kindness and hospitality, in time by-gone, when we discoursed *de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis*. Those days can never be recalled, or renewed; but memory would indeed be a source of unmitigated pain, if it only reflected the dark shades, and not the sunny spots of life. This book will show you, that my political views are unchanged. I should be ashamed of myself, if a dedication were necessary to prove that my affection is also unaltered. Secondly—I know of no one so conversant with the subject as yourself. I never had a very exalted opinion of what is called “Responsible Government,” knowing that the term was an indefinite one, and that an interpretation had been put upon it by many people, that made it almost amount to sovereignty.

To you was entrusted the delicate and difficult task of introducing it into Nova Scotia. Of the independence, judgment, moderation, and manliness, with which this delegated duty was executed, I say nothing, because in all ages, and in all countries, there have been others, beside your Lordship, who could justly lay claim to these qualities. But one thing is most certain, that the late Lord Metcalf and yourself were the only two