

her, and to my own feelings, were I to suppress ideas, which may eventually prove useful.

If my ardour for the public service could have been cooled by the reception, which the first sketch of this work met with from several of those persons, to whom it was communicated, I should instantly have laid down my pen, and have renounced every idea of the task, which I now impose upon myself.

Feeling, however, invariably, and in the strongest manner, the truth of those principles in finance, which I then announced, I attribute my want of success to the manner of stating them, and think it incumbent on me to exert my powers of rendering them more clear, and conclusive.

If I am fortunate enough to be approved of by the enlightened part of mankind, and if I succeed in being ultimately of service to that community, of which I am  
a member,