

—for it could have been called nothing else at that time—has been undeniably realized. In his work on the Colonial Policy of the European Powers, published in that year, he wrote: "May we presume to hope that the colonial story of Great Britain will exhibit to future statesmen, a useful picture of advantages which may fairly be expected from just views of provincial government; that it will hold out the prospects of certain success to the enlightened and generous policy which shall consider the parts of an Empire, however situated, as members of the same political body; that it will display the possibility of retaining the distant provinces in the relations not of subordination, but of union, even after having become more worthy of bearing the same name in their progress in wealth, in arts and in arms; and teach every nation of Europe, which is happy enough to possess such settlements, how much their nurturing care must finally be recompensed, even in a political view, by the efforts of their mature age."

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