

should obtain the distinguished favour of being honoured by your approval, I shall ever consider such a circumstance as an additional testimony of the readiness with which your Royal Highness patronises any work that may convey information of real utility, however humble, rather than as an indication of superior talent on my part. A servant of our revered Monarch for the greatest part of my life, I have ever believed it incumbent to repay the trust reposed in me, by making the public service a consideration paramount to all others, whenever the performance of my duties or other personal exertions could in any way contribute thereto. This desire, acting as the main spring of my endeavours, has induced me to think, that whatever has a tendency to demonstrate the actual state of the Canadas, and to place their greatly improvable resources in a true point of view, as valuable jewels of the British diadem, would neither be deemed unimportant nor destitute of advantage; I have therefore directed all the abilities at my disposal towards that

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