

'We should look to that great area cultivated by our own countrymen in our colonial possession in North America—a country to which we are united by the closest relationship—a country which finds constant employment for our surplus labourers—a country which still looks to England with feelings of affection—a country which offers a market for our manufactured goods—a country subject to no hostile tariff—which supports our shipping—which improves the condition of our fellow-countrymen—a country which we may hold with signal benefit to ourselves, but in which we cannot maintain our supremacy unless we are cemented to her by the closest bonds of affection as well as of interest.'

*LORD STANLEY in the House of Commons.*