

justified the policy which you approve ; but, strange to say, without perceiving that they had objects in view the very reverse of those which you profess to have at heart.

That you are a loyal gentleman I know ; but, if I did not know it, I should certainly be at a loss to discover evidence of a desire to keep this Empire together, in your strong recommendation that Her Majesty's Government should pursue towards those noble groups of Colonies which make up what the *Times* aptly styles "that mysterious unity called the British Empire," the very policy which always perilled the allegiance of, and ultimately lost us, the splendid provinces which now form the United or Disunited States.

But, if we had only lost those Provinces by tolerating or encouraging the system you advocate ; if, when they had established their Independence, the genial influences of a common origin and of old fraternal relations had been re-established ; if they had treated the Revolutionary War as Englishmen do the Wars of the Roses, or as Englishmen and Scotchmen do the old Border Conflicts, as the common treasury of History, Poetry, and Romance, but not of bitter feeling ; if they had carried into practice the wise saying of a gallant American Commander in China, now a Confederate Chieftain, and remembered on all occasions, or even on great occasions, that "blood is thicker than water ;" if they had given us, what our Colonies invariably give