

but bound by the faith of the British Parliament.

It is a standard to which they may at any time repair; an asylum and bulwark to which they may resort; and a boon and grace given in perpetuity, and which it is not even left to their own failings or weakness to forfeit.

Such is the principle and scope of the Bill I shall presume to offer to the House; and to save their time in hearing a more detailed description of the particular terms, I will, with their permission, though not agreeable, I believe, to strict Parliamentary form, read, or beg the Clerk may be allowed to read, the Bill, as I have drawn it up. It may have, it has, I make no doubt, many defects; but I am not tenacious of particular words, or terms; take from it, add to it, mold it according to your wisdom,---it is yours from this moment, tho' I confess my darling child: I offer it to your care, but let me recommend it to your indulgence.