

on this subject would lead to that conclusion. Surely he does not imagine that Lord Grey's Colonial administration in 1849 was so pre-eminent in virtue as to deserve imitation, neither can he be ignorant that, the renewal of an obsolete Charter, to the detriment of the Nation, would be an act of injustice.

This question should not be considered one of faction, or of party, or of individual right, neither should it be hurried unnecessarily through Parliament, for the Common Right of the Nation is interested in it.

It cannot be said, that British territories occupying an area one-third larger than the whole of Europe, are too insignificant for the calm and mature deliberation of Government; neither should the rights of the Crown again be allowed to succumb to the benefit of a few private individuals.

The country is at length cognisant of the injustice done in 1849, and the people are not again disposed to suffer an invasion of their rights, even though their resistance lead to the fall of a Ministry.

I trust it is only necessary to call the attention of your Lordship to this subject, so that when it is again introduced to Parliament, it may derive that support, which is consistent with *the rights of the Crown, the claims of the Nation, and the freedom of Commerce.*

I am,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's well-wisher,

ANDREW FREEPORT.

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