

and these do certainly require the stimulants of Hope and Ambition.

These loose, unconnected notes may serve to convey to my father some of my ideas on the present administration. The subject is so extensive, that if I continued my observations, I should swell my paper to an enormous size. I am too lazy to put what I have said into any decent form; and after all, my thoughts can be of no importance.

I respect Sir George Barlow, and wish him well; but I cannot approve the principles which he professes and acts upon.

Lord Wellesley's system was abandoned at an unfortunate period, when its success was nearly completed. If that system had been carried into complete operation, permanent peace and consequent wealth would have been in our hands. The abandonment of that system, in an unlucky moment, throws India back into its former state of confusion and uncertainty. Our tranquillity will again depend upon the will of either Sindhia, Holkar, or Bhoonsla; and our only hope of the continuance of it rests upon the notion that those chiefs, singly or united, will never dare to risk a war with us. I hope, as much as any man can, that the dread of our valor will always operate upon them; but I am convinced that an increase of their strength and influence, and a diminution of our own, are not the best means of keeping alive their consciousness of our superiority.