

These things are grand it is true ; but they do not constitute the essential element of national greatness. British history abounds in acts of moral heroism, in examples of mercy and goodness. In obedience to the Christian religion and the spirit of the Constitution, the nation arose above the suggestions of material gain, and, by an act unsurpassed in moral grandeur, abolished forever British slavery. The moment a slave breathes your free air he is a free man. The moment an exile touches your shores the genius of liberty attends him, and protects him evermore from the cruel tyrant. Hence the greatness and glory of the British empire. Continue free, benevolent, and brave, and Heaven will continue to bless you with riches, success, and renown.