

well done, I would obtain a degree of enviable credit. The employment was inviting from that circumstance, and the difficulties were therefore undervalued; they were, however, seen distinctly enough, but I trusted too much to the indulgence that would be conceded to time. I overlooked my being the representative of others, who had not paid the same attention to the subject as I had done myself, and who were not in consequence sufficiently acquainted with the difficulties to be overcome. In this there was an error, a pardonable one, however, for it implied that I only entertained that respect for the directors of the Canada Company, which their conduct had obtained for them in the world; a man of more actual experience in the business awaiting him, would have fortified himself with better provisions, but though I thought them necessary, they did not seem of primary importance, or I never would have embarked under the same aspect of circumstances. Far be it from me, in stating this, to impute blame: I think the directors did what they thought best. However, my object is merely to request the reader to bear in mind, that with the most liberal discretionary authority that any man could require in a great trust, and responsible for the administration of nearly a million of money, I was hampered with the most inconsistent restrictions.