

among the good men of all parties at home and in every settlement to adjust difficulties, to heal differences, and and to preserve long and peaceful relations with mutual advantage. I think Lord Granville was well informed that there has "always been considerable jealousy in the Colonies of the colonists residing in this country," and I am sure this jealousy will be wisely manifested if these meetings are not allowed to continue, and this senseless agitation is not permitted to disturb the prosperity and happiness of a great and flourishing empire.

LETTER II.

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SIR,—The subsequent movements at the Cannon Street Meetings have been unique and conclusive; characteristic of men who, in beating a retreat, have left the line of march open to their pursuers; their last public record being virtually a registration of their weakness, their incapacity, and their extinction. Yet, in the words of Mr. W. E. Forster, at Bradford, when speaking of the movement, "I rejoice that the question has been brought forward, inasmuch as it has made it clear to me that neither in England nor in the Colonies do we intend that the Empire shall be broken up."

The proof of this was being amply furnished when my last letter was concluded. Immediately after its