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So, too, it was the English who worked out the principles of free speech, and free parliaments, and civil and religious liberty, at home in England and planted the seeds of responsible government in every quarter of the globe. Every free legislature of the world to-day is patterned, more or less, upon the Parliament at Westminster, which is justly called the Mother of Parliaments, and which was an English legislature before it became a British legislature. Even Sir Walter Scott has commented upon the genius for government and administration displayed by the English as distinguished from the Celtic peoples.

The English forced Magna Charta from a tyrannical king long before other people began to think of civil liberty. It was an English king—Alfred the