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IT has been considered right by many of the friends of peace and of liberal policy, to publish this Speech separately, chiefly in order that the attention of men may be directed to the important questions connected with the future lot of the North American Colonies, when the ferment excited by late unhappy events shall subside. The whole history of these transactions is calculated to throw light upon the inevitable mischiefs of extended Colonial empire; and there is a further argument of the same kind derivable from the unquestionable fact, that in even the Reformed Parliament the misgovernment of a remote and unrepresented Province, has encountered but very little opposition from many of those who are always found most reluctant to suffer the least oppression if attempted upon any portion of the Mother Country.

The comments which this Speech contains upon the conduct of the Government have been complained of—as if Lord Brougham had some duty to perform of suppressing his opinions upon the most important questions that can occupy the attention of Statesmen; and as if especially the Colonial Minister had a right to complain of strictures openly made upon his public conduct.