

and not of a Company, and England would be entitled to her share from being represented by New Caledonia.

The sketch or the outline however, my Lord, may be mine or anybody's—there is, perhaps, no great difficulty in imagining a splendid picture; but to colour it in the present instance, so as to make it worthy of public exhibition or public patronage, the head and the hand of the Colonial Minister are requisite; but to make it a masterpiece and the admiration of the world, allow me to say, my Lord, that the heart of the Minister must also be evident in the Work. Surely, my Lord, the people of this highly favoured country could not employ either their wealth or surplus population more beneficially or more happily than in the national work proposed; and although a loan to Russia has met with many an opponent, not one, I think, would arise to object to a loan to our own colonies, for the benefit of our own poor, to the advantage of our own commerce, and to the relief of our local taxes. In the hope that your Lordship will excuse my publicly addressing you without asking permission,

I have the honour to remain,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

ROBERT CARMICHAEL-SMYTH.

*Junior United Service Club,*

*23rd January, 1850.*