

‘My hold of the Colonies is in the close affection which grows from common names, from kindred blood, from similar privileges, and equal protection. These are ties which, though light as air, are as strong as iron.’

EDMUND BURKE (1775).

‘Much of the power and influence of this country depend upon its having large Colonial possessions in different parts of the world.’

EARL GREY (*Col. Pol.*, 1852).

‘The defence of Canada is a question which affects the position and character, the honour, the interests, and the duties of this great country.’

VISCOUNT PALMERSTON (1865).

‘The profits to Great Britain from the trade of the Colonies carried you triumphantly through the last war. The estates that were at two thousand pounds a-year are now at three thousand. This is the price America pays you for her protection.’

EARL CHATHAM (1766).

‘Our own possessions are by far our best customers.’

MR. LAING (1864), *late Finance Minister of India.*