

"To point a moral and adorn a tale."

So much for the general reader, and now a few words at parting to my good friends the Nova Scotians. I am desirous of availing myself of this opportunity to call the attention of my countrymen, the "Blue Noses," to the importance of steam, of which they unfortunately know but little from their own experience; of entreating them to direct their energies rather to internal improvement than political change; to the developement of the resources of their beautiful, fertile, and happy colony, rather than to speculative theories of government; and also to urge upon them, that the "responsibility" we require is *the responsibility of steam*.

Since the discovery of America by Columbus, nothing has occurred of so much importance to the New World as navigating the Atlantic by steamers, and no part of the continent is likely to be benefited by it in an equal degree with Nova Scotia, which is the nearest point of land to Europe, and must always possess the earliest intelligence from the Old World. Whichever party is in power in England, Tories or Whigs, the government is always distinguished by the same earnest desire to patronize as it is to protect the colonies, who have experienced nothing at the hands of the English but unexampled kindness, untiring forbearance, and unbounded liberality. The recent grant of fifty-five thousand pounds a-year for the purpose of affording us the advantage of a communication by steam with the mother country, which was not made grudgingly or boastingly, or as an experiment, but as early as it was proper or safe for it to be done, and as freely as it was kindly bestowed, leaves us in doubt whether most to admire the munificence of the gift, or the power and wealth of the donors. No country that is kept in a